

using the standards described in 10 CFR 50.92(c), as presented below:

1. Does the proposed exemption involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No. The proposed change would allow the use of Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material in the reactors. The NRC approved topical report WCAP-12610-P-A & CENPD-404-P-A Addendum 1-A, "Optimized ZIRLO™," prepared by Westinghouse, addresses Optimized ZIRLO™ and demonstrates that Optimized ZIRLO™ has essentially the same properties as the currently licensed ZIRLO™. The fuel cladding itself is not an accident initiator and does not affect accident probability. Use of Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material will continue to meet all 10 CFR 50.46 acceptance criteria and, therefore, will not increase the consequences of an accident.

Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed exemption create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No. The use of Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material will not result in changes in the operation or configuration of the facility. Topical Report WCAP-12610-P-A & CENPD-404-P-A demonstrated that the material properties of Optimized ZIRLO™ are similar to those of standard ZIRLO™. Therefore, the Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material will perform similarly to those fabricated from standard ZIRLO™, therefore precluding the possibility of the fuel cladding becoming an accident initiator and causing a new or different type of accident.

Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed exemption involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No. The proposed change will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety, because it has been demonstrated that the material properties of the Optimized ZIRLO™ are not significantly different from those of standard ZIRLO™. Optimized ZIRLO™ is expected to perform similarly to standard ZIRLO™ for all normal operating and accident scenarios, including both LOCA and non-LOCA scenarios. For LOCA scenarios, where the slight difference in the Optimized ZIRLO™ material properties, relative to standard ZIRLO™ could have some impact on the overall accident scenario, plant-specific LOCA analyses using the Optimized ZIRLO™ properties demonstrate that the acceptance criteria of 10 CFR 50.46 have been satisfied.

Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Based on the above, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemption presents no significant hazards consideration under the standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c), and, accordingly, a finding of no significant hazards consideration is justified (*i.e.*, satisfies the provision of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(i)).

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(ii)

The proposed exemption would allow the use of Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material in the reactors. Optimized ZIRLO™ has essentially the same properties as the currently licensed ZIRLO™. The use of the Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material will not significantly change the types of effluents that may be released offsite, or significantly increase the amount of effluents that may be released offsite. Therefore, the provision of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(ii) is satisfied.

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(iii)

The proposed exemption would allow the use of the Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material in the reactors. Optimized ZIRLO™ has essentially the same properties as the currently licensed ZIRLO™. The use of the Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material will not significantly increase individual occupational radiation exposure, or significantly increase cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Therefore, the provision of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(iii) is satisfied.

Conclusion

Based on the above, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemption meets the eligibility criteria for the categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the NRC's proposed issuance of this exemption.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants WCNOG an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, to allow the use of Optimized ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding material at WCGS. As stated above, this

exemption relates solely to the cladding material specified in these regulations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of August 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, (202) 606-2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No schedule A authorities to report during May 2016.

Schedule B

No schedule B authorities to report during May 2016.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during May 2016.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Agriculture	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant (2)	DA160122	5/12/2016
			DA160123	5/12/2016
	Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.	Director	DA160125	5/13/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service.	Deputy Chief of Staff	DA160126	5/13/2016
	Foreign Agricultural Service	Deputy Chief of Staff	DA160132	5/24/2016
Department of Commerce	Office of Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.	Chief of Staff	DA160133	5/24/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Speechwriter and Press Assistant	DC160141	5/6/2016
	Bureau of Industry and Security	Special Advisor	DC160150	5/10/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.	Director of External Affairs	DC160151	5/10/2016
Department of Defense	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for East Asia	DD160137	5/10/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).	Special Assistant for the Middle East.	DD160145	5/18/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DD160147	5/20/2016
		Director, Travel Operations	DD160146	5/23/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities).	Chief of Staff for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs.	DD160148	5/25/2016
Department of the Air Force	Office of Assistant Secretary Air Force for Acquisition.	Director of Private Sector Engagement.	DF160035	5/10/2016
Department of Education	Office of Postsecondary Education	Special Assistant	DB160084	5/5/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Change Management Director	DB160086	5/12/2016
		Leadership Development Director ..	DB160087	5/12/2016
		Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance.	DB160089	5/13/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary	Chief of Staff, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.	DB160091	5/18/2016
		Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders.	DB160085	5/19/2016
	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.	Confidential Assistant, Special Projects.	DB160088	5/19/2016
	Office for Civil Rights	Confidential Assistant (2)	DB160092	5/19/2016
			DB160093	5/25/2016
	Office of Communications and Outreach.	Director of Strategic Media Initiatives.	DB160094	5/25/2016
Department of Energy	Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.	Senior Advisor for External Affairs	DE160112	5/5/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Press Secretary	DE160113	5/5/2016
	Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis.	Senior Analyst for Energy Security	DE160116	5/10/2016
	Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Deputy Chief of Staff	DE160117	5/13/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Advisor	DE160114	5/16/2016
Environmental Protection Agency ...	Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Engagement and Environmental Education.	EP160037	5/12/2016
Export-Import Bank	Office of the Chairman	Confidential Assistant	EB160003	5/2/2016
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.	Office of the Chairman	Confidential Assistant	DR160002	5/31/2016
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.	Office of the Director	Senior Advisor	FM160002	5/3/2016
General Services Administration	Office of the Administrator	Deputy Chief of Staff	GS160025	5/16/2016
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DH160120	5/23/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families.	Special Assistant	DH160136	5/25/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Deputy Assistant Secretary	DH160122	5/5/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Deputy Scheduler	DH160135	5/24/2016
		Special Advisor	DH160138	5/24/2016
Department of Homeland Security ..	Office of the Chief of Staff	Director of Trips of Advance (2)	DM160238	5/3/2016
			DM160242	5/5/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Senior Counselor	DM160250	5/25/2016

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Office of the Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate.	Confidential Assistant	DM160243	5/5/2016
	Office of the General Counsel	Special Assistant	DM160244	5/5/2016
	United States Customs and Border Protection.	Special Assistant	DM160254	5/24/2016
	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Advisor	DM160255	5/24/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Special Assistant, Office of Policy	DM160248	5/25/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant (2)	DU160031	5/6/2016
			DU160036	5/23/2016
	Office of Housing	Advisor for Single Family Asset Management.	DU160333	5/10/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Senior Policy Advisor	DU160032	5/23/2016
	Office of Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.	Counselor	DI160067	5/16/2016
Department of the Interior				
Department of Justice	Office on Violence Against Women	Confidential Assistant	DJ160091	5/6/2016
	Office of Legal Policy	Senior Policy Advisor	DJ160109	5/20/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Deputy Director	DJ160103	5/23/2016
		Press Secretary and Senior Advisor.	DJ160111	5/27/2016
Department of Labor	Civil Rights Division	Special Assistant	DJ160110	5/24/2016
	Office of Workers Compensation Programs.	Chief of Staff	DL160086	5/13/2016
	Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Chief of Staff	DL160090	5/13/2016
	Employment and Training Administration.	Policy Advisor	DL160089	5/13/2016
Office of Management and Budget	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DL160092	5/16/2016
	Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.	Counselor	BO160037	5/5/2016
Office of Personnel Management ...		Confidential Assistant	BO160036	5/10/2016
	Office of the Director	Project Manager	PM160027	5/25/2016
	Office of Science and Technology Policy.	Confidential Assistant	TS160005	5/12/2016
Small Business Administration	Office of Communications and Public Liaison.	Assistant Administrator for Public Engagement.	SB160028	5/13/2016
	Office of Government Contracting and Business Development.	Special Advisor	SB160029	5/13/2016
Department of State	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Protocol Officer	DS160090	5/5/2016
	Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism.	Deputy Coordinator	DS160093	5/9/2016
	Office of the Global Women's Issues.	Special Assistant	DS160098	5/19/2016
	Office of the Special Representative for Global Partnership Initiative.	Senior Advisor	DS160100	5/23/2016
	Bureau of Public Affairs	Deputy Assistant Secretary	DS160101	5/23/2016
	Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.	Staff Assistant	DS160096	5/26/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs.	Staff Assistant	DS160103	5/26/2016
	Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.	Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs.	DS160104	5/27/2016
	Office of the Director	Senior Advisor	TD160002	5/5/2016
		Chief of Staff	TD160003	5/24/2016
United States International Trade Commission.	Office of Commissioner Schmidlein.	Confidential Assistant	TC160004	5/3/2016

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during May 2016.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
Department of Agriculture	Natural Resources Conservation Service.	Special Assistant to the Chief for Public and Private Partnerships.	DA150142	05/08/2016

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
Department of Education	Agricultural Marketing Service	Chief or Staff	DA120029	05/15/2016
	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant	DA160031	05/15/2016
	Office of Under Secretary For Natural Resources and Environment.	Chief of Staff	DA150145	05/15/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.	Director of Public Affairs	DC140162	05/14/2016
	Office of the General Counsel	Counselor to the General Counsel	DC150071	05/14/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary	Special Assistant	DC150130	05/14/2016
	Advocacy Center	Policy Assistant	DC140123	05/15/2016
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Secretary	Special Assistant for College Access.	DB090068	05/03/2016
	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Regional Director, Boston, Massachusetts, Region I.	DH150106	05/09/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation.	Special Assistant for Oversight	DH150048	05/13/2016
Department of Homeland Security ..	Office of the Secretary	Policy Advisor	DH160039	05/14/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Senior Advisor to the Secretary	DH150175	05/14/2016
	Office of Refugee Resettlement/Office of the Director.	Director of Strategic Planning	DH150124	05/20/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Advisor	DH150020	05/28/2016
	Federal Emergency Management Agency.	Chief of Staff	DH150073	05/31/2016
	Office of the Under Secretary For National Protection and Programs Directorate.	Confidential Assistant	DH150150	05/28/2016
	Office of the General Counsel	Press Secretary	DM150018	05/04/2016
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Senior Advisor	DM140122	05/08/2016
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Special Assistant to the General Counsel and Attorney Advisor.	DM150188	05/14/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DM150056	05/28/2016
Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Office of the General Counsel	Director of Trips and Advance	DM150171	05/28/2016
	Office of the Deputy Secretary	Special Assistant	DU150067	05/14/2016
Department of Justice	Office of the General Counsel	Chief of Staff/Senior Counsel	DU150061	05/28/2016
	Office of Public Affairs	Media Affairs Coordinator	DJ160011	05/11/2016
		Deputy Director	DJ140023	05/13/2016
		Press Secretary and Senior Advisor.	DJ160003	05/28/2016
Department of State	Office on Violence Against Women	Confidential Assistant	DJ160007	05/14/2016
	Office of Legal Policy	Senior Counsel	DJ140119	05/14/2016
	Office of the Deputy Attorney General.	Senior Counsel	DJ130034	05/28/2016
	Office of the Chief of Protocol	Protocol Officer	DS150041	05/14/2016
	Bureau of Public Affairs	Senior Advisor	DS140126	05/28/2016
	Office of the Global Women's Issues.	Staff Assistant	DS150064	05/28/2016
Office of Management and Budget	Office of E-Government and Information Technology.	Confidential Assistant	BO150020	05/28/2016
Office of Personnel Management ... Office of the Secretary of Defense	Office of Congressional Relations ..	Intergovernmental Affairs Associate	PM150005	05/13/2016
	Office of the Secretary of Defense	Advance Officer	DD160047	05/14/2016
Small Business Administration	Washington Headquarters Services	Defense Fellow	DD140102	05/14/2016
	Office of Communications and Public Liaison.	Senior Speechwriter	SB140012	05/14/2016
Trade and Development Agency		Press Secretary	SB140024	05/28/2016
	Office of the Director	Chief of Staff	TD130004	05/14/2016

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Submission for Review: 3206–0162,
Report of Medical Examination of
Person Electing Insurable Interest
Survivor Benefit, OPM 1530**

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an extension, without change, of a currently approved information collection request (ICR) 3206–0162, Report of Medical Examination of Person Electing Insurable Interest Survivor Benefit, OPM 1530. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.