

petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention

and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esq., Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained

absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1) (i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 23, 1997, as supplemented January 28, March 4, and June 19, 1997, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, and 50-296]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee) to withdraw its October 7, 1994 application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52, and DPR-68 for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would have revised surveillance requirements associated with emergency diesel generators.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 1994 (59 FR 60387). However, by letter dated June 4, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 7, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated June 4, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above

documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama 35611.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on July 9-11, 1997, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, January 23, 1997 (62 FR 3539).

Wednesday, July 9, 1997

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting and comment briefly regarding items of current interest. During this session, the Committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Meeting with the Director of the NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRR Director on items of mutual interest, including low-power and shutdown operations risk, NRR research needs, status of fire inspection program, use of risk-informed, performance-based process for prioritizing compliance issues, and coordination of ACRS review of NRR activities.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon: Acceptance Criteria for Plant-Specific Safety Goals and Deriving Lower-Tier Acceptance Criteria (Open)—The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with the ACRS Senior Fellow regarding the results of his analysis performed to determine the site-specific changes in core damage

frequency and large, early release frequency, when these lower-tier criteria are derived from the prompt fatality quantitative health objectives.

Representatives of the NRC staff will participate.

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Proposed Standard Review Plan Section and Regulatory Guide for Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Inservice Inspection (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed Standard Review Plan Section and Regulatory Guide for risk-informed, performance-based inservice inspection.

2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.: Meeting with NRC Commissioner McGaffigan (Open)—The Committee will meet with NRC Commissioner McGaffigan to discuss items of mutual interest, including ACRS activities and NRC research.

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Proposed Final Modifications to 10 CFR Part 26, Fitness-For-Duty Program Requirements (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final modifications to fitness-for-duty program requirements.

6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as a proposed ACRS report on the use of risk-informed, performance-based process for prioritizing compliance issues.

Thursday, July 10, 1997

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Halden Reactor Project (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and its contractors regarding the ongoing and planned work at the OECD Halden Reactor Project in the areas of human factors, instrumentation and control systems, software quality, and reactor fuels.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss information provided in confidence by a foreign source.]

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Use of RASCAL Code During Incident Response (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the use of the RASCAL code to calculate off-site doses.

1:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

1:45 p.m.-2:00 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports. The EDO responses are expected to be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting.

2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday, July 11, 1997

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: NUREG/CR-6372, Recommendations for Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis; Guidance on Uncertainty and Use of Experts (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and its contractors regarding NUREG/CR-6372.

10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, qualifications of candidates nominated for appointment to the ACRS, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m.: Strategic Planning (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of items of significant importance to NRC,