

under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 22, 1999 will be as follows:

#### Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public)

Policy Discussion

9:00–10:30 a.m. Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 420

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

11:30 a.m. until adjourned. Research/Education Programs—Room M07

(Closed to the Public)

Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

9:00–11:30 a.m. Research/Education Programs—Room M07

10:30 a.m. until adjourned. Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 420

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

12:30–2:00 p.m. Jefferson Lecture Committee Meeting—Room 430

The morning session on March 23, 1999 will convene at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Reports

A. Opening Remarks and Presentations

B. Staff Report

C. Reports on Policy & General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research and Education Programs

3. Preservation and Access and Challenge Grants

4. Public Programs

5. Federal/State Partnership

6. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call area code (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

**Nancy E. Weiss,**

*Advisory Committee, Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants".

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion and every 10 to 20 years for applications for renewal.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Designers of commercial nuclear power plants, electric power utilities, and any person eligible under the Atomic Energy Act to apply for a construction permit for a nuclear power plant.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* No applications expected during the next three years.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* No applications expected during the next three years.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 0.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 52 establishes requirements for the granting of early site permits, certifications of standard nuclear power plant designs, and licenses which combine in a single license a construction permit and an operating license with conditions (combined licenses). Part 52 also establishes requirements for renewal of these permits, certifications, and licenses; amendments to them; exemptions from certifications; and variances from early site permits.

NRC uses the information collected to assess the adequacy and suitability of an applicant's site, plant design, construction, training and experience, and plans and procedures for the protection of public health and safety. The NRC review of such information and the findings derived from that information form the basis of NRC decisions and actions concerning the issuance, modification, or revocation of site permits, design certifications, and combined licenses for nuclear power plants.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 7, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0151), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 54, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants".

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* One-time submission with application for renewal of an operating license for a nuclear power plant and occasional collections for holders of renewed licenses.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Commercial nuclear power plant licensees who wish to renew their operating licenses.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 1–2 responses.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1–2 respondents based on an estimate of 4 renewal applications during the requested 3-year clearance period.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* Approximately 89,333 hours (85,333 hours one-time reporting burden and 4,000 hours recordkeeping burden).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104–13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 54 of the NRC regulations, "Requirements for Renewal of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants," specifies the procedures, criteria, and standards governing nuclear power plant license renewal, including information submittal and recordkeeping requirements, so that the NRC may make determinations necessary to promote the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

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Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0155) NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395–3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301–415–7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–368]

### Entergy Operations, Inc.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF–6, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc., (the licensee), for operation of Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit-2 (ANO–2) located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3–1, "Reactor Protective Instrumentation," Action 2 through the addition of a footnote. The proposed footnote would allow startup and operation with the functional units associated with the Channel "D" ex-core nuclear instrumentation to be maintained in the bypassed or tripped condition following the restart from Refueling Outage 2R13. This footnote is intended to support normal plant operations until such time that the Channel "D" ex-core detector assembly can be restored to an operable condition. This footnote will be in effect for a time period not to extend beyond Mid-Cycle Outage 2P99 which is the next scheduled entry into cold shutdown for ANO–2.

The licensee requested that this proposed amendment be processed as an exigent request, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6). The exigency is created by the inability of ANO–2 to fully comply with TS Table 3.3–1, Action 2. TS Table

3.3–1 requires that three of four channels of linear power level-high, local power density-high, departure from nucleate boiling ratio-low and core protection calculators be operable in Modes 1 and 2. In addition, TS Table 3.3–1 requires three of four channels of the logarithmic power level-high function be operable in Mode 2, and in Modes 3, 4, and 5 when the system is capable of control element assembly (CEA) withdrawal. Action 2 states, "With the number of channels Operable one less than the Total Number of Channels, operation in the applicable Modes may continue provided the inoperable channel is placed in the bypassed or tripped condition within 1 hour. If the inoperable channel is bypassed for greater than 48 hours, the desirability of maintaining this channel in the bypassed condition shall be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled PSC [Plant Safety Committee] meeting in accordance with the QA Manual Operations. The channel shall be returned to Operable status prior to startup following the next Cold Shutdown." During the previous operating cycle Channel "D" ex-core detector failed and was maintained in the bypassed or tripped condition until Refueling Outage 2R13 which began on January 9, 1999. During Refueling Outage 2R13, the Channel "D" detector assembly was replaced with a spare detector assembly. The detector assembly passed all pre- and post-installation electrical tests. However, with the unit in Mode 3, plant operators noticed that the instrument was not responding as anticipated. Subsequent troubleshooting determined that the detector or its associated cables were faulty and no spare assemblies were readily available on-site or from the vendor. Since Channel "D" was inoperable prior to the unit shutdown for 2R13, TS Table 3.3–1, Action 2, requires that it be returned to operable status prior to restart.

Based on the circumstances described above, the NRC verbally issued a Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) on February 23, 1999. The NOED was documented by letter dated February 24, 1999. The NOED expressed the NRC's intention to exercise discretion not to enforce compliance with TS Limiting Condition for Operation 3.0.4 and TS Table 3.3–1, Action 2, until the NRC staff acts on the licensee's exigent TS amendment request to revise TS Table 3.3–1, Action 2, with a footnote to address this condition until such time that the Channel "D" ex-core detector assembly can be replaced. This footnote will be in effect for a time period not to