

an exemption to apply the Code Case would be required by 10 CFR 50.60(b).

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption is needed to allow the licensee to implement ASME Code Case N-640 in order to revise the method used to determine the reactor coolant system (RCS) P-T limits, because continued use of the present curves unnecessarily restricts the P-T operating window. Since the RCS P-T operating window is defined by the P-T operating and test limit curves developed in accordance with the ASME Section XI, Appendix G procedure, continued operation of DAEC with these P-T curves without the relief provided by ASME Code Case N-640 would unnecessarily require the RPV to maintain a temperature exceeding 212 degrees Fahrenheit in a limited operating window during the pressure test. Consequently, steam vapor hazards would continue to be one of the safety concerns for personnel conducting inspections in primary containment. Implementation of the proposed P-T curves, as allowed by ASME Code Case N-640, does not significantly reduce the margin of safety and would eliminate steam vapor hazards by allowing inspections in primary containment to be conducted at a lower coolant temperature.

In the associated exemption, the staff has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), the underlying purpose of the regulation will continue to be served by the implementation of this Code Case.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there are no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological environmental impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Relating to the Operation of the Duane Arnold Energy Center," dated March 1973.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 26, 2001, the staff consulted with the Iowa State official, Mr. D. McGhee of the Department of Public Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated October 16, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl F. Lyon,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2001.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of April 23, 2001

Tuesday, April 24, 2001

10:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

10:30 a.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed-Ex. 9)

Week of April 30, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 30, 2001.

Week of May 7, 2001—Tentative

Thursday, May 10, 2001

10:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

10:30 a.m. Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs and Performance (Public Meeting) (Contact: James Johnson, 301-415-6802)

Friday, May 11, 2001

10:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

Week of May 14, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 14, 2001.

Week of May 21, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 21, 2001.

Week of May 28, 2001—Tentative

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

10:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—301-415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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Dated: April 19, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1671]

Standard Review Plan for the Gaseous Diffusion Plants; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Because of significant changes to current draft U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) standard review plan for the recertification of the gaseous diffusion plants, NRC is offering the opportunity for public review and comment on the addition of an introduction to the draft report NUREG-1671 retitled, "Standard Review Plan for the Gaseous Diffusion Plants."

DATES: Submit comments to the address listed below by May 25, 2001.

Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's headquarters building at One White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. during Federal workdays.

Draft NUREG-1671, without the new Introduction, is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC public document room (PDR), that is currently located at NRC's headquarters building, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. A copy of the draft Introduction may be obtained from the NRC's Internet website, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/>

[NUREGS/SR1671/REVISED/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html) or from the Agency's document management system, called ADAMS, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Gleaves, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: (301) 415-5848.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of March 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William C. Gleaves,

Mechanical Systems Engineer, Special Projects Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

Board Votes To Close April 13, 2001, Meeting

By telephone vote on April 13, 2001, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting held in Washington, DC via teleconference. The Board determined that prior public notice was not possible.

ITEMS CONSIDERED:

1. Strategic Planning/Postal Reform.
2. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision on Further Reconsideration in Docket No. R2000-1, Omnibus Rate Case.
3. Personnel Matters.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, David G. Hunter, at (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

Board Votes To Close May 1, 2001, Meeting

At its meeting on April 13, 2001, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for May 1, 2001, in Washington, DC via teleconference.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision on Further Reconsideration in Docket No. R2000-1, Omnibus Rate Case.
2. Strategic Planning/Postal Reform.
3. Personnel Matters.

PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND:

Governors Ballard, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Kessler, McWherter, Rider and Walsh; Postmaster General Henderson, Deputy Postmaster General Nolan, Secretary to the Board Hunter, and General Counsel Gibbons.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, David G. Hunter, at (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed Changes to Systems of Records

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice of proposed new system of records.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to give notice of a proposed new Privacy Act system of records, RRB-50, Child Care Tuition Assistance Program.

DATES: The proposed new system of records shall become effective as proposed without further notice in 40 calendar days from the date of this publication unless comments are received before this date which would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.