

issuance of an amendment to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50 for Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 issued to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3), located in Waterford, Connecticut. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) description of the Supplementary Leakage Collection and Release System (SLCRS) operation after a postulated accident. As a result, this revision modifies the licensing basis for the post-accident operation of the SLCRS.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated June 6, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated April 5, 1999; April 7, April 19, July 31, and September 28, 2000; March 19, June 11, September 21, and December 20, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is necessary because the SLCRS is used to maintain a negative pressure relative to atmospheric in the secondary containment by collecting air from the enclosure building and connecting areas, filtering it to remove iodine, and discharging the filtered air to the atmosphere. The licensee has identified potential release pathways from secondary containment to the environment that could bypass the SLCRS filter following a design-basis accident due to non-nuclear safety-grade (NNS) exhaust fan operation after the accident. These additional pathways are not included in the current design-basis accident dose analyses as documented in the MP3 FSAR, therefore making them non-conservative. The proposed action would include the additional pathway in the current design-basis accident dose analyses.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that issuance of the proposed amendment would not have a significant environmental impact. The proposed changes to the FSAR provide documentation of a combination of events not previously included in the FSAR. Based on the licensee's use of acceptable methodologies and

assumptions, and staff confirmation of the licensee's dose results, the staff has determined that the licensee's revised design-basis accident radiological consequences analyses for the Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) and rod ejection accident, which take into account additional SLCRS bypass release pathways, are acceptable. The analyses show that the radiological consequences of a postulated design-basis LOCA are within 10 CFR part 100 dose limits for offsite doses and 10 CFR part 50, appendix A, General Design Criterion 19, dose limits with regard to control room habitability.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, 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 impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

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

Environmental Impacts of the 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

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for MP3, dated December 1984.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On June 12, 2002, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Michael Firsick of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 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 June 6, 1998, as supplemented by letters dated April 5, 1999; April 7, April 19, July 31, and September 28, 2000; March 19, June 11, September 21, and December 20, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002.

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

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 22, 2002

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 22, 2002.

Week of July 29, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 29, 2002.

Week of August 5, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 5, 2002.

Week of August 12, 2002—Tentative

Tuesday, August 13, 2002

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Special Review Group Response to the Differing Professional Opinion/Differing Professional View (DPO/DPV) Review (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Craig, 301-415-1703).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of August 19, 2002—Tentative

Wednesday, August 21, 2002

9:30 a.m. Briefing on NRC International Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Janice Dunn Lee, 301-415-1780).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

2 p.m. Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, 301-415-2308).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of August 26, 2002—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 26, 2002.

* 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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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 4-0 on July 12, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 9)" be held on July 12, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: July 18, 2002.

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Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from June 28, 2002, through July 11, 2002. The last biweekly notice was published on July 9, 2002 (67 FR 45560).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed

determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By August 22, 2002, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a 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 2.714,¹

¹ The most recent version of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, published January 1, 2002, Continued