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**Bruce S. Gelber,**

*Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638).

*Dates/Time:* 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 21-23, 2004 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004.

*Place:* Granlibakken Conf. Center, 725 Granlibakken Rd., Tahoe City, CA 96145.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. James H. Whitcomb, Division of Earth Sciences, National Science Foundation, Suite 785, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Phone (703) 292-8553.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out EarthScope proposal and management review, and to provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning EarthScope construction, operation, science and education support.

*Agenda:* June 21-23, 2004 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m.—Review the Project Execution Plan, program and facility management, installation technical plans, science plans, and progress reports of EarthScope. June 24, 2004 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Visit potential EarthScope installation sites.

Dated: June 4, 2004.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263]

### Licensee; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 139 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 issued to Nuclear Management Company, LLC (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County, Minnesota. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment modified the Technical Specifications to change design bases and the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) for (1) long-term containment response to the design-basis loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) and (2) containment overpressure required for adequate available net positive suction head for the low-pressure emergency core cooling system pumps following a LOCA, reactor vessel isolation, and Appendix R fire.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2003 (68 FR 3900). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (69 FR 29983).

Further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated December 6, 2002, as supplemented September 24, 2003 and March 12, 2004, (2) Amendment No. 139 to License No. DPR-22, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation,

and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 1555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of June, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**L. Mark Padovan,**

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

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-327 and 50-328]

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Sequoyah Nuclear Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix G, "Fracture Toughness Requirements" for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79, issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), for operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN), located in Hamilton County, Tennessee. 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 exemption would allow use of the methods described in WCAP-15984, Revision 1, "Reactor Vessel Closure Head/Vessel Flange Requirements Evaluation for Sequoyah Units 1 and 2," instead of the requirements in 10 CFR Part 50,

Appendix G, footnote 2 to Table 1, "Pressure and Temperature Requirements for the Reactor Pressure Vessel," for the SQN.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated September 6, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2002, March 28, June 24, September 3, October 22, and December 18, 2003. The supplemental letters provided clarifying information that did not expand the scope of the original request.

#### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The licensee's exemption request was made in support of an associated licensing action, submitted in the same letter, to adopt a Pressure-Temperature Limit Report for SQN, Units 1 and 2. Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR allows licensees to apply for an exemption from the requirements of Part 50 if, (1) the exemption will not present an undue risk to the protection of public health and safety and common defense and security and (2) the application of the regulation in the particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. The licensee has stated that compliance with the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) flange minimum temperature requirements of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 is not necessary to meet the underlying purpose of the rule (*i.e.*, to provide adequate margins of safety with regard to pressure boundary integrity for any condition of normal operation for the service life of the RPV).

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption described above would continue to satisfy the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.68(b)(1). The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided with the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation.

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. 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 resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 dated February 13, 1974.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

On April 28, 2004, the staff consulted with the Tennessee State official, Elizebeth Flannagin of the Tennessee Bureau of Radiological 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 September 6, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2002, March 28, June 24, September 3, October 22, and December 18, 2003. 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 at 1-800-397-4209 or

301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of June, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**William F. Burton,**

*Acting Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: SF 2802 and SF 2802A

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. SF 2802, Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions (Civil Service Retirement System) is used to support the payment of monies from the Retirement Fund. It identifies the applicant for refund of retirement contributions. SF 2802A, Current/Former Spouse's Notification of Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions, is used to comply with the legal requirement that any spouse or former spouse of the applicant has been notified that the former employee is applying for a refund.

Approximately 3,741 SF 2802 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately one hour to complete the form. The annual burden is 3,741 hours. Approximately 3,389 SF 2802A forms are processed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete this form. The annual burden is 847 hours. The total annual burden is 4,588 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, FAX (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal should be received by July 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to—

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