

ASPA 116 New College Valley,
Caughley Beach, Cape Bird

ASPA 117 Avian Island, northwest
Marquerite Bay

ASPA 121 Cape Royds, Ross Island

ASPA 124 Cape Crozier, Ross Island

ASPA 125 Fildes Peninsula, King
George Island, South Shetland Islands

ASPA 126 Byers Peninsula, Livingston
Island

ASPA 127 Haswell Island

ASPA 128 Western shore of
Admiralty Bay, King George Island

ASPA 129 Rothera Point, Adelaide
Island

ASPA 132 Potter Peninsula, King
George Island

ASPA 133 Harmony Point, Nelson
Island

ASPA 134 Cierva Point, Danco Coast

ASPA 135 Bailey Peninsula, Budd
Coast

ASPA 136 Clark Peninsula, Budd
Coast

ASPA 139 Biscoe Point, Anvers Island,
Palmer Archipelago

ASPA 143 Marine Plain, Mule
Peninsula, Vestfold Hills

ASPA 149 Cape Shirref, Livingston
Island

ASPA 150 Ardley Island, King George
Island

ASPA 151 Lions Rump, King George
Island

ASPA 154 Cape Evans, Ross Island

ASPA 158 Cape Adare

ASPA 160 Botany Bay, Cape Geology,
Victoria Land

Dates

January 1, 2006, to December 31,
2011.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to
submit an information collection
request to OMB and solicitation of
public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a
submittal to OMB for review of
continued approval of information
collections under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the
requirement to be submitted:

1. *The Title of the Information
Collection:* NRC Form 64, Travel
Voucher (Part 1); NRC Form 64A, Travel
Voucher (Part 2), Schedule of Expenses
and Amount Claimed; and NRC Form
64B, Optional Travel Voucher (Part 2),
Expense Report.

2. *Current OMB Approval Number:*
3150-0192.

3. *How Often the Collection Is
Required:* On occasion.

4. *Who Is Required or Asked To
Report:* Contractors, consultants and
invited NRC travelers who travel in the
course of conducting business for the
NRC.

5. *The Number of Annual
Respondents:* 100.

6. *The Number of Hours Needed
Annually To Complete the Requirement
or Request:* 100 hours (1 hour per
response).

7. *Abstract:* As a part of completing
the travel process, the traveler must file
travel reimbursement vouchers and trip
reports. The respondent universe for the
above forms include consultants and
contractors and those who are invited
by the NRC to travel, e.g., prospective
employees. Travel expenses that are
reimbursed are confined to those
expenses essential to the transaction of
official business for an approved trip.

Submit, by May 9, 2005, comments
that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of
information necessary for the NRC to
properly perform its functions? Does the
information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the
information collection be minimized,
including the use of automated
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting
statement may be viewed free of charge
at the NRC Public Document Room, One
White Flint North, 11555 Rockville
Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD
20852. OMB clearance requests are
available at the NRC worldwide Web
site: [http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/
doc-comment/omb/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/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 about the
information collection requirements
may be directed to the NRC Clearance
Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton (T-5 F53),
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC 20555-0001, by
telephone at #301) 415-7233, or by

Internet electronic mail to
INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day
of March 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information
Services.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414]

Duke Energy Corporation, et al.; Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Final Determination of No Significant Hazards Consideration Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF- 35 and NPF-52, Amendment Nos. 220 and 215

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission
(Commission) has issued Amendment
No. 220 to Renewed Facility Operating
License No. NPF-35 and Amendment
No. 215 to Renewed Facility Operating
License No. NPF-52, issued to Duke
Energy Corporation, *et al.* (Duke, the
licensee), which revised the Technical
Specifications (TS) for operation of the
Catawba Nuclear Station (Catawba),
Units 1 and 2, located in York County,
South Carolina. The amendment is
effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment modifies the TS to
permit the usage of up to four mixed
oxide (MOX) lead test assemblies
(LTAs). Specifically, the amendment
consists of: (1) A revision to TS 3.7.16
to permit storage of the MOX LTAs in
the spent fuel pool; (2) a revision to TS
4.2, "Reactor Core" to include the four
MOX LTAs using M5 fuel rod cladding;
(3) TS 4.3, "Fuel Storage," to reflect the
enrichment of the MOX LTAs; and (4)
a revision to TS 5.6.5 to add two
supporting methodologies for the MOX
LTAs. 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.

A 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

July 25, 2003 (68 FR 44107). A request for a hearing was filed on August 21 and 25, 2003, by the Nuclear Information and Resources Service (NIRS) and the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL), respectively. A Notice of Opportunity to Comment and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2004 (69 FR 41852).

On July 14 and 15, 2004, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) held a hearing on a single admitted safety-related contention by BREDL. All of NIRS's contentions were rejected and NIRS was not admitted as a party to the proceeding. The admitted contention was related to the adequacy of the loss-of-coolant accident analyses performed to support the use of the MOX LTAs. On December 22, 2004, the ASLB issued a Partial Initial Decision with respect to this matter finding that there is reasonable assurance that operation of Catawba with the four MOX LTAs will not endanger the health and safety of the public.

BREDL submitted its security-related safety contentions on March 3, 2004. An ASLB hearing on a single physical security-related contention, as admitted by the ASLB, was held January 11–14, 2005. This contention was related to the adequacy of the provisions undertaken by Duke to provide protection of the MOX LTAs. Findings and reply findings of fact and conclusions of law were filed in February 2005. An ASLB decision on the security contention is pending.

Under its regulations, the Commission may issue and make an amendment immediately effective, notwithstanding the pendency before it of a request for a hearing from any person, in advance of the holding or completion of any required hearing, where it has determined that no significant hazards considerations are involved.

The Commission has applied the standards of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.92 and has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards considerations. The basis for this determination is contained in a Safety Evaluation and three Supplements to that Safety Evaluation related to this action. Accordingly, as described above, the amendment has been issued and made immediately effective and any further hearing will be held after issuance.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment and one Supplement to the Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an

environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment and its supplement, 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 51112 and 70 FR 8849).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated February 27, 2003, as supplemented by letters dated September 15, September 23, October 1 (two letters), October 3 (two letters), November 3, November 4, December 10, 2003, and February 2, (two letters), March 1 (three letters), March 9 (two letters), March 16 (two letters), March 26, March 31, April 13, April 16, May 13, June 17, August 31, September 20, October 4, October 29 and December 10, 2004, (2) Amendment Nos. 220 and 215 to License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52, respectively, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and its three Supplements dated April 5, May 5, July 27, 2004, and March 3, 2005, respectively, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment and its supplement (69 FR 51112 and 70 FR 8849, respectively). All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, File Public Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (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, (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of March 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Nakoski,

*Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate II,
Division of Licensing Project Management,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414]

Duke Energy Corporation, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc., North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1, Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

1.0 Background

Duke Energy Corporation, (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-35 and NPF-52, which authorize operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station (Catawba), Units 1 and 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of two pressurized water reactors located in York County, South Carolina.

2.0 Request/Action

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 50, § 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems [ECCS] for light-water nuclear power reactors," and Appendix K, "ECCS Evaluation Models," identify requirements for calculating ECCS performance for reactors containing fuel with Zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding, and uranium oxide fuel. Part 11 of 10 CFR, "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to or Control Over Special Nuclear Material [SNM]," and 10 CFR part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials," identify requirements that are usually applicable to fuel fabrication facilities for the protection of formula quantities of strategic special nuclear material (SSNM).

By letter dated February 27, 2003, as supplemented by letters dated September 15, September 23, October 1 (two letters), October 3 (two letters), November 3, November 4, December 10, 2003, and February 2 (two letters), March 1 (three letters), March 9 (two letters), March 16 (two letters), March 26, March 31, April 13, April 16, May 13, June 17, August 31, September 20, October 4, October 29, and December 10, 2004, the licensee requested exemptions from 10 CFR 50.46, Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50, and from certain physical security requirements of 10 CFR 11.11(a)(1)–(a)(2), 11.11(b), 10 CFR 73.45(d)(1)(iv), 73.46 (c)(1), 73.46(h)(3), 73.46(b)(3)–(b)(12),