

which are needed to support revised accident source term applications, are not currently provided in regulations governing operating reactors.

By letter dated December 3, 1998, the licensee submitted an exemption request to the control room dose acceptance criteria of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion (GDC) 19. The exemption request would permit use of a 5 rem total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) dose acceptance criterion in place of the "5 rem whole body, or its equivalent to any part of the body" dose acceptance criterion that is currently specified in GDC 19.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The staff has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that it is acceptable because the staff has concluded that the TEDE methodology provides an alternate means of meeting the current regulatory requirement. The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no significant changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable occupational or public radiation exposure. The staff has concluded that there is no significant radiological environmental impact associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the staff has concluded that there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the action (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 which was issued August 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the Ohio State official was contacted regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the staff concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the staff 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 December 3, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, OH 44081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of January 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on February 23, 1999, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Portions of this meeting will be closed to public attendance to discuss Westinghouse proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, February 23, 1999—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the application of

Westinghouse Electric Company's WCOBRA/TRAC best-estimate large-break LOCA code to Westinghouse plants with Upper Plenum Injection (UPI). The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Company, the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

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Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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