

attend should notify the contact person at least two (2) days prior to each meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting for consideration by the DACOIM. Written statements should be sent to Christian A. Rodriguez, Designated Federal Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278, telephone: (212) 264-0736. Written statements will be considered for presentation at the meetings if they are received by:

- (1) March 23, 2001, for the meeting on March 29, 2001.
- (2) April 2, 2001, for the meeting on April 5, 2001.
- (3) April 20, 2001, for the meeting on April 26, 2001.

Minutes of the meetings will be available upon request.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

Mary Ann Wyrsh,

Acting Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research (#1185):

Date/Time	Place
April 2-3, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
April 9-10, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
April 19-20, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Catamaran Hotel, San Diego, CA.
April 30-May 1, 2001; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Charles H. Koelbel, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1122, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292-8970.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Information Technology Research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4), and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 9, 2001.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Computer-Communications Research; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Computer-Communications Research (1192).

Date/Time: March 27, 2001; 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: John Cozzens, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1145, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8912.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as a part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-318]

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc., Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 2; Exemption

1.0 Background

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc. (CCNPPI or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-69, which authorizes operation of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2 (CCNPP2). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor located in Calvert County in Maryland.

2.0 Purpose

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 50, Section 50.46 and Appendix K identify requirements for calculating emergency core cooling system (ECCS) performance for reactors containing fuel with zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding, and 10 CFR 50.44 relates, in part, to the generation of hydrogen gas from a metal-water reaction between the reactor coolant and reactor fuel having zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding.

The licensee has requested a temporary exemption to 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K that would enable CCNPP2 to operate in Cycle 14 with a core containing a lead fuel (test) assembly (LFA) including fuel rods with advanced zirconium alloy cladding.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, when (1) the exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) when special circumstances are present. Under § 50.12(a)(2), special circumstances include, among other things, when application of the regulation in the particular circumstance would not serve, or is not necessary to achieve, the underlying purpose of the rule.

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K is to establish requirements for the calculation of ECCS performance and

acceptance criteria for that performance in order to assure that the ECCS functions to transfer heat from the reactor core following a loss-of-coolant-accident (LOCA) such that (1) fuel and clad damage that could interfere with continued effective core cooling is prevented, and (2) clad metal-water reaction is limited to negligible amounts. The licensee has performed a calculation demonstrating adequate ECCS performance for CCNPP2 and has shown that use of the lead fuel assembly does not have a significant impact on that previous calculation. The lead fuel assembly, with the zirconium-based alloy cladding, meets the same design basis as the Zircaloy-4 fuel which is currently in the CCNPP2 reactor core and has similar thermal-hydraulic characteristics. Because the LFA will be placed in a non-limiting location (Technical Specification 4.2.1 limits placement of the LFA to a non-limiting location in the core), the placement scheme and the similarity of the advanced alloys to Zircaloy-4 will assure that the behavior of the fuel rods clad with these alloys are bounded by the fuel performance and safety analyses performed for the Zircaloy-4 clad rods currently in the Unit 2 core. No safety limits will be changed or setpoints altered as a result of using the lead fuel assembly.

In similar reviews of applications to use advanced fuel, the staff found that fuels with advanced cladding do not introduce a mixed core penalty in licensing safety analyses, provided that the resident fuel and the LFA were of like geometry. The LFA and fuel currently in use at CCNPP2 are of like geometry. Therefore, the staff concludes that use of the LFA will not introduce a mixed core penalty into the safety analyses for CCNPP2.

Based on the above, the staff finds that the licensee has achieved the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K with respect to use of the LFA at CCNPP2.

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.44 is to ensure that means are provided for the control of hydrogen gas that may be generated following a postulated LOCA. The small number of fuel rods in the lead fuel assembly containing advanced zirconium-based claddings in conjunction with the chemical similarity of the advanced claddings to zircaloy and ZIRLO ensures that previous calculations of hydrogen production resulting from a metal-water reaction would not be significantly changed. The licensee calculated the metal-water reaction rate for the advanced zirconium-based cladding material and determined that the

amount of hydrogen generated will be within the design basis. As such, the licensee has achieved the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.44.

The staff examined the licensee's rationale to support the exemption request and concurred that the use of an LFA in the Unit 2 core for Cycle 14 would meet the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K. Application of these regulations in these circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Therefore, the staff concludes that granting an exemption under the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) is appropriate and that an LFA containing fuel rods with advanced zirconium alloy cladding may be used in CCNPP Unit 2, Cycle 14.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security, and is, otherwise, in the public interest. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants CCNPP1 an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, §§ 50.44, 50.46, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, for CCNPP2.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 11608).

This exemption is effective upon issuance. Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Zwolinski,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on April 5-7, 2001, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, November 17, 2000 (65 FR 69578).

Thursday, April 5, 2001

8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.-10:30 A.M.: Interim Review of the License Renewal Application for Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Southern Nuclear Operating Company regarding the license renewal application for Hatch Units 1 and 2, associated staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER), selected Boiling Water Reactor Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) reports and the related staff's safety evaluations.

10:50 A.M.-12:00 Noon: Proposed Final License Renewal Guidance Documents (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final Regulatory Guide DG-1104 and Standard Review Plan associated with license renewal, Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) report, and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 95-10, "Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR Part 54—The License Renewal Rule."

1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.: Safety Issues Associated with the Use of Mixed Oxide (MOX) and High-Burnup Fuels (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding safety issues associated with the use of MOX and high-burnup fuels in commercial light water reactors.

2:50 P.M.-4:15 P.M.: Thermal-Hydraulic Issues Associated with the AP1000 Passive Plant Design (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation regarding thermal-hydraulic issues associated with the AP1000 design. [NOTE: A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Westinghouse proprietary information applicable to this matter.]

4:15 P.M.-5:15 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports, as needed, for consideration by the full Committee.

5:15 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—