

retirements, disability retirements, and death claims. Recordkeeping copies of these files are included in Retirement Section of the OPM Administrative Manual Supplement. This schedule does not include descriptions of records at the file series level, but, instead, provides citations to the agency's Administrative Manual Supplement. To facilitate review of this schedule, NARA will provide the Retirement Section of the manual to requestors.

27. Office of Personnel Management, Agency-wide (N9-478-02-20, 2 items, 2 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing that relate to legal matters. Included are electronic copies of records pertaining to such subjects as political activity, the Hatch Act, and the Voting Rights Program. Recordkeeping copies of these files are included in Legal Section of the OPM Administrative Manual Supplement. This schedule does not include descriptions of records at the file series level, but, instead, provides citations to the agency's Administrative Manual Supplement. To facilitate review of this schedule, NARA will provide the Legal Section of the manual to requestors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72-15 and 50-219]

AmerGen Energy Company, LLC, Oyster Creek Generating Station; Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated June 21, 2002, Ms. Edith Gbur of the Jersey Shore Nuclear Watch, et al. (petitioners), have requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to AmerGen Energy Company's Oyster Creek Generating Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.

The petitioners requested the following NRC actions:

(1) Suspend Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004 for the NUHOMS dry spent fuel storage system.

(2) Halt transfer of spent fuel from wet pool storage to dry storage modules.

(3) Conduct a site-specific public hearing before independent judges on the dry cask licensing proceeding for Oyster Creek Generating Station (Oyster

Creek) and other nuclear issues identified in the petition.

(4) Make a determination of the NUHOMS' capability to withstand terrorist attacks similar to those on September 11, 2001.

(5) Develop criteria and regulations to empirically verify dry storage system capability and to apply those requirements to Oyster Creek.

(6) Halt loading until a thorough inspection of the total system has been completed to verify that the NUHOMS modules were fabricated properly and will last the design life.

As the basis for the request, the petitioners presented a number of safety concerns related to:

(1) Location of the Oyster Creek independent spent fuel storage installation relative to local roads and communities;

(2) Ability of the NUHOMS dry spent fuel storage system to survive a sabotage attack;

(3) Adequacy of Oyster Creek security measures for fuel handling activities;

(4) Adequacy of the Oyster Creek emergency evacuation plan; and

(5) Quality of the NUHOMS systems planned for use at Oyster Creek.

The request is being addressed pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this petition within a reasonable time. The petitioner participated in a telephone call with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards' Petition Review Board on July 18, 2002, to discuss the petition. The results of that discussion were considered in the Board's determination regarding the petitioner's request for immediate action and in establishing the schedule for review of the petition. By letter dated August 12, 2002, the Director denied the petitioner's request for immediate suspension of Certificate of Compliance No. 1004 for the NUHOMS dry spent fuel storage system and to halt transfer of spent fuel from wet pool storage to dry storage modules at the Oyster Creek Generating Station. A copy of the petition is available for inspection in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC

Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of August, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-413, 50-414, 50-369, and 50-370]

Duke Energy Corporation, et al.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-35, NPF-52, NPF-9, and NPF-17 issued to Duke Energy Corporation, et al., (the licensee) for operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in York County, South Carolina and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification (TS) 5.6.5 regarding the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). TS 5.6.5.a lists the parameters for which the limiting values have been relocated by previous TS amendments from the TS to the COLR. Specifically, for both Catawba and McGuire Nuclear Stations, the amendments would revise the TS 5.6.5.a by (1) adding "60 ppm" to Item 5.6.5.a.1 regarding the moderator temperature coefficient (MTC) surveillance limit for Specification 3.1.3, and (2) by adding Item 5.6.5.a.12, "31 EFPD [effective full-power day] surveillance penalty factors for Specifications 3.2.1 and 3.2.2." In addition, for Catawba Nuclear Station, the amendments would add Item 5.6.5.a.13, "Reactor makeup water pumps combined flow rates limit for Specifications 3.3.9 and 3.9.2." The limiting values for these parameters were previously relocated from the TS to the COLR without the parameter identifier being retained in the TS. Inclusion of the parameter identifier in the TS will improve consistency between the TS and the COLR. The amendments would also change Bases

3.2.1 and 3.2.3 to remove the specific date of the referenced topical report.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves 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 amendments would not: (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; (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. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis against the standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c). The NRC staff's review is presented below:

1. Would implementation of the changes proposed in these amendments involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

No. These amendments make clarifications and additions to the list of referenced TS listed in both McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations TS 5.6.5.a. The additions to the list of referenced TS are consistent with the COLR and provide additional clarifications. Therefore, the proposed changes have no impact on any accident probabilities or consequences.

2. Would implementation of the changes proposed in these amendments create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

No. The proposed changes contained in these amendments only make additions or clarifications that are consistent with the McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations COLR and established plant operating practices. Therefore, no new or different kinds of accidents are being created.

3. Would implementation of the changes proposed in these amendments involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

No. Margin of safety is related to the confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers to perform their design functions during and following an accident situation. These barriers include the fuel cladding, the reactor coolant system, and the containment

system. These barriers are unaffected by the changes proposed in these amendments. The margin of safety is established through the design of the plant structures, systems, and components, the parameters within which the plant is operated, and the establishment of the setpoints for the actuation of equipment relied upon to respond to an event and thereby protect the fission product barriers. The changes proposed in these amendments make additions to a list of referenced TS that are currently approved for use at McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations. These changes have no effect on the applicable McGuire and Catawba Nuclear Stations licensing bases, and following implementation of the proposed changes, all applicable acceptance criteria will continue to be met. Consequently, no margin of safety will be significantly impacted by these amendments.

Based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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 amendments 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 amendments before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. 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 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By September 23, 2002, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments 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 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically on the Internet at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. If there are problems in accessing the document, contact the Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman

¹ The most recent version of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, published January 1, 2002, inadvertently omitted the last sentence of 10 CFR 2.714(d) and subparagraphs (d)(1) and (2), regarding petitions to intervene and contentions. Those provisions are extant and still applicable to petitions to intervene. Those provisions are as follows: "In all other circumstances, such ruling body or officer shall, in ruling on—

(1) A petition for leave to intervene or a request for hearing, consider the following factors, among other things:

(i) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding.

(ii) The nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding.

(iii) The possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest.

(2) The admissibility of a contention, refuse to admit a contention if:

(i) The contention and supporting material fail to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b)(2) of this section; or

(ii) The contention, if proven, would be of no consequence in the proceeding because it would not entitle petitioner to relief."

of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendments under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one

contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendments and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendments.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendments.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. Because of the continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. A copy of the petition for leave to intervene and request for hearing should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to Ms. Lisa F. Vaughn, Legal Department (PB05E), Duke Energy Corporation, 422 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1006, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions,

supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated October 7, 2001, as supplemented by letter dated August 7, 2002, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, 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 20th day of August 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw its June 22, 2000, application, as supplemented January 19, 2001, and July 26, 2001, for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications to permit the elimination of the assumed increase in the rod control cluster assembly drop time resulting from a concurrent trip and seismic event.