

protection program and provides a timeline for achieving full compliance with the new regulation. These plant modifications are significant in scope involving the construction of new facilities, extensive design and procurement efforts, and work with high voltage cabling and the personnel safety risk associated with such work. These modifications warrant a thorough review of the safety-security interface and must be coordinated with BSEP Unit 1 refueling outage in spring 2010. All of these efforts require careful design, planning, procurement, and implementation efforts. Attachment 1 of the November 30, 2009, letter contains security-related information regarding the site security plan, details of specific portions of the regulation of which the site will not be in compliance by the March 31, 2010, deadline, changes to the site's security configuration to meet the new requirements, and a timeline (Project Schedule Milestones) with critical path activities for the licensee to achieve full compliance by December 20, 2010. The timeline provides dates indicating when (1) design activities are completed and approved, (2) the outage is scheduled for BSEP Unit 1, (3) construction of a new Security Electrical Equipment Building begins and is completed, and (4) the new and relocated equipment is installed and tested.

The licensee has provided an adequate basis for the exemption request. CP&L identified the physical protection program components for which modifications are needed, the types of modifications and upgrades needed, as well as construction, engineering, safety, and infrastructure considerations which impact the final compliance date requested. The required modifications must be completed in sequence to support all program upgrades being performed. The schedule provided by the licensee in this request outlines the specific tasks required at BSEP and shows the sequential order in which work must proceed with associated dates that support the requested new compliance date.

The site-specific information provided within the BSEP exemption request is relative to the requirements from which the licensee requested exemption and demonstrates the need for modification to meet the two specific requirements of 10 CFR 73.55. The proposed implementation schedule depicts the critical activity milestones of the security system upgrades; is consistent with the licensee's solution for meeting the requirements; is consistent with the scope of the

modifications and the issues and challenges identified and; is consistent with the licensee's requested compliance date.

Notwithstanding the schedule exemptions for these limited requirements, the licensee will continue to be in compliance with all other applicable physical security requirements as described in 10 CFR 73.55 and reflected in its current NRC-approved physical security program. By December 20, 2010, BSEP Units 1 and 2 will be in full compliance with all the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, as issued on March 27, 2009.

4.0 Conclusion for Part 73 Schedule Exemption Request

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's submittals and concludes that the licensee has provided adequate justification for its request for an extension of the compliance date with regard to two specified requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 until December 20, 2010.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, exemption from the March 31, 2010, compliance date is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemptions.

The long-term benefits that will be realized when these projects are complete justify extending the March 31, 2010, full compliance date with regard to the specific requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 for this particular licensee. The security measures that BSEP needs additional time to implement are new requirements imposed by March 27, 2009, amendments to 10 CFR 73.55, and are in addition to those required by the security orders issued in response to the events of September 11, 2001. Therefore, it is concluded that the licensee's actions are in the best interest of protecting the public health and safety through the security changes that will result from granting this exemption.

As per the licensee's request and the NRC's regulatory authority to grant exemptions to the March 31, 2010, deadline for the two items specified in Attachment 1 of CP&L letter dated November 30, 2009, the licensee is required to be in full compliance with 10 CFR 73.55 by December 20, 2010. In achieving compliance, the licensee is reminded that it is responsible for determining the appropriate licensing mechanism (*i.e.*, 10 CFR 50.54(p) or 10 CFR 50.90) for incorporation of all necessary changes to its security plans.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission

has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (75 FR 8753, February 25, 2010).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph G. Giitter,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-003, 50-247 and 50-286; NRC-2010-0137]

Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3; Exemption

1.0 Background

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-5, DPR-26, and DPR-64, which authorize operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (IP1, IP2, and IP3). The licenses provide, among other things, that the facilities are subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facilities consist of one permanently shut down reactor and two operating pressurized-water reactors located in Westchester County in New York State.

2.0 Request/Action

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 73, "PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF PLANTS AND MATERIALS," Section 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage," published March 27, 2009, effective May 26, 2009, with a full implementation date of March 31, 2010, requires licensees to protect, with high assurance, against radiological sabotage by designing and implementing comprehensive site security programs. The amendments to 10 CFR 73.55 published on March 27, 2009, establish and update generically applicable security requirements similar to those previously imposed by Commission Orders issued after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and implemented by licensees. In addition,

the amendments to 10 CFR 73.55 include additional requirements to further enhance site security based upon insights gained from implementation of the post-September 11, 2001, security Orders. It is from four of these new requirements that IP1, IP2, and IP3 now seek an exemption from the March 31, 2010, implementation date. All other physical security requirements established by this recent rulemaking have already been or will be implemented by the licensee by March 31, 2010.

By letter dated January 28, 2010, as supplemented by letter dated March 8, 2010, the licensee requested an exemption in accordance with 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions." Portions of the licensee's letter dated January 28, 2010, contain security-related information and, accordingly, are withheld from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). The licensee's supplemental letter dated March 8, 2010, is withheld in its entirety as security-related information in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(d)(1). The licensee has requested an exemption from the March 31, 2010, compliance date stating that due to design, procurement, and installation activities, and in consideration of impediments to construction such as winter weather conditions and equipment delivery schedules, completion of some of the activities to facilitate compliance with 10 CFR 73.55 will require additional time beyond March 31, 2010, before all requirements can be met. Specifically, the request is to extend the compliance date for four specific requirements from the current March 31, 2010, deadline to February 17, 2011. Being granted this exemption for the four items would allow the licensee to complete the modifications designed to meet the new regulatory requirements.

3.0 Discussion of Part 73 Schedule Exemptions From the March 31, 2010, Full Implementation Date

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(a)(1), "By March 31, 2010, each nuclear power reactor licensee, licensed under 10 CFR Part 50, shall implement the requirements of this section through its Commission-approved Physical Security Plan, Training and Qualification Plan, Safeguards Contingency Plan, and Cyber Security Plan referred to collectively hereafter as security plans." Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 when the exemptions are authorized by law, and will not

endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.

This exemption would, as noted above, allow an extension of compliance with the new rule from March 31, 2010, until February 17, 2011, in four specific areas. As stated above, 10 CFR 73.5 allows the NRC to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 73. The NRC staff has determined that granting the licensee's proposed exemption would not result in a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or the Commission's regulations. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

In the draft final power reactor security rule provided to the Commission, the NRC staff proposed that the requirements of the new regulation be met within 180 days. The Commission directed a change from 180 days to approximately 1 year for licensees to fully implement the new requirements. This change was incorporated into the final rule. From this, it is clear that the Commission wanted to provide a reasonable timeframe for licensees to reach full compliance.

As noted in the final rule, the Commission also anticipated that licensees would have to conduct site-specific analyses to determine what changes were necessary to implement the requirements of the rule, and that changes could be accomplished through a variety of licensing mechanisms, including exemptions. Since issuance of the final rule, the Commission has rejected a request to generically extend the rule's compliance date for all operating nuclear power plants, but noted that the Commission's regulations provide mechanisms for individual licensees, with good cause, to apply for relief from the compliance date (*Reference*: June 4, 2009, letter from R. W. Borhardt, NRC, to M. S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute). The licensee's request for an exemption is, therefore, consistent with the approach set forth by the Commission and discussed in the June 4, 2009, letter.

IP1, IP2, and IP3 Schedule Exemption Request

The licensee provided detailed information in a letter dated January 28, 2010, requesting an exemption, as supplemented by letter dated March 8, 2010. It describes a comprehensive plan to improve certain physical security measures, and provides a timeline for achieving full compliance with the new regulation. The licensee's letter dated January 28, 2010, as supplemented by letter dated March 8, 2010, contains (1)

security-related information regarding the site security plan, (2) details of specific portions of the regulation for which the site cannot be in compliance by the March 31, 2010, deadline and the reasons therefore, (3) the required changes to the site's security configuration, and (4) a timeline with critical path activities that would enable the licensee to achieve full compliance by February 17, 2011. The timeline provides dates indicating when construction will begin on various phases of the project and when critical equipment will be ordered, installed, tested and become operational.

Notwithstanding the scheduler exemptions for these limited requirements, the licensee will continue to be in compliance with all other applicable physical security requirements as described in 10 CFR 73.55 and reflected in its current NRC-approved physical security program. By February 17, 2011, IP1, IP2, and IP3 will be in full compliance with all the regulatory requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, as issued on March 27, 2009.

4.0 Conclusion for Part 73 Schedule Exemption Request

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee's submittals and concludes that the licensee has justified its request for an extension of the compliance date with regard to four specific requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 until February 17, 2011.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, "Specific exemptions," an exemption from the March 31, 2010, compliance date is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemption.

The NRC staff has determined that the long-term benefits that will be realized when the design, procurement, and installation activities are complete, justifies extending the full compliance date in the case of this particular licensee. The security measures IP1, IP2, and IP3 need additional time to implement are new requirements imposed by March 27, 2009, amendments to 10 CFR 73.55, and are in addition to those required by the security Orders issued in response to the events of September 11, 2001. Therefore, the NRC concludes that the licensee's actions are in the best interest of protecting the public health and safety through the security changes that will result from granting this exemption.

As per the licensee's request and the NRC's regulatory authority to grant an exemption to the March 31, 2010,

deadline for the four items specified in the licensee's letter dated January 28, 2010, as supplemented by letter dated March 8, 2010, the licensee is required to be in full compliance by February 17, 2011. In achieving compliance, the licensee is reminded that it is responsible for determining the appropriate licensing mechanism (*i.e.*, 10 CFR 50.54(p) or 10 CFR 50.90) for incorporation of all necessary changes to its security plans.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (75 FR 14639; dated March 26, 2010).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of March 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph G. Giitter,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Materials will hold a meeting on April 21, 2010, Room T2-B3, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, April 21, 2010-8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Subcommittee will review changes to NUREG-1536, "Standard Review Plan for Spent Fuel Storage Systems at a General License Facility." The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Christopher L.

Brown (telephone: 301-415-7111, e-mail: *Christopher.Brown@nrc.gov*), five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least 30 minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2009, (74 FR 52829-52830).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs*. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the website cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Dated: March 29, 2010.

Antonio F. Dias,

Branch Chief, Reactor Safety Branch B, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Market Test of "Samples Co-Op Box" Experimental Product

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of a market test of an experimental product in accordance with statutory requirements.

DATES: April 2, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nabeel Cheema, 202-268-7178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3641(c)(1) that it will begin a market test of its "Samples Co-Op Box"

experimental product on May 1, 2010. The Postal Service has filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a notice setting out the basis for the Postal Service's determination that the market test is covered by 39 U.S.C. 3641 and describing the nature and scope of the market test. Documents are available at *http://www.prc.gov*, Docket No. MT2010-1.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. Title and purpose of information collection:

RUIA Investigations and Continuing Entitlement; OMB 3220-0025.

Under Section 1(k) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), unemployment and sickness benefits are not payable for any day with respect to which remuneration is payable or accrues to the claimant. Also Section 4(a-1) of the RUIA provides that unemployment or sickness benefits are not payable for any day the claimant receives the same benefits under any law other than the RUIA. Under Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) regulations, 20 CFR 322.4(a), a claimant's certification or statement on an RRB provided claim form that he or she did not work on any day claimed and did not receive income such as vacation pay or pay for time lost shall constitute sufficient evidence unless there is conflicting evidence. Further,