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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; 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: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences (1110).

Date and Time

November 13, 2003; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

;November 14, 2003; 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences, Room 605, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Tel. No.: (703) 292-8400.

Minutes May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for BIO provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Planning and Issues Discussion:

- Reports on AC Workshops.
- Reports on Working Groups.
- Committee of Visitors Reports.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-440]

Firstenergy Corporation, Perry Nuclear Power Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a one-time scheduler exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50, Section 50.71(e)(4) for Facility Operating License No. NPF-58, issued to FirstEnergy Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, located in Lake County, Ohio. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the licensee to extend the time for submitting the periodic update to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) by 120 days from September 10, 2003, to January 8, 2004. Specifically, 10 CFR part 50.71(e)(4) requires that licensees provide the NRC with updates to the FSAR annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. The revisions must reflect changes up to 6 months prior to the date of filing. This regulation would require the submittal of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) FSAR update by September 10, 2003.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated August 8, 2003.

The Need for the Proposed Action

While preparing the scheduled submittal, a computer failure occurred affecting the PNPP electronic data management system which resulted in the loss of over 11,000 electronic documents. Updates to the FSAR that were being prepared were among the documents lost. Due to the need to reconstruct the updated FSAR information that was lost, additional time is needed to complete the submittal. The requirement to reflect changes up to 6 months prior to the date

of filing would still apply. The exemption is requested to allow adequate time to complete the submittal.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption is administrative and would not affect any plant equipment, operation, or procedures. The FSAR contains the analysis, assumptions, and technical details of the facility design and operating parameters. Until the FSAR is updated, the recent changes are documented in the licensee's written evaluations of changes prepared pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59, and in the Commission's Safety Evaluations for actions requiring prior approval. A delay in submitting the FSAR update will not change the plant design or the manner in which it is operated.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "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

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Perry Nuclear Power Plant, dated April 1974.