

(ii) The potential hazard which would require wearing an SCSR and traveling the escapeway does not exist;

(iii) There is no hazard scenario where traveling the escapeway with an SCSR would be likely; and

(iv) The travel time on foot from the working face through the primary escapeway is less than fifteen minutes. The petitioners further state that, historically, fires in anthracite mines have not been a significant hazard, as a result of the low volatile matter of the coal, which is reflected in numerous granted petitions for modification relating to firefighting.

The petitioners propose to have each miner wear an SCSR correctly for one hour to give the full affect of proper usage when actually wearing the SCSR, because the petitioners believe that to train the miner with one SCSR is a safer act than to have multiple SCSRs without proper training and the miner will know how to use the SCSR in the event of an actual emergency. The petitioners also propose to have hand-held multi-gas detectors located at each working face and have the SCSR stored on the locomotive for the locomotive operator.

The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method for use of the SCSR would in no way provide less than the same measure of protection than that afforded the miners under the existing standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via E-mail to Standards-Petitions@dol.gov. Include "petitions for modification" in the subject line of the email. Comments can also be submitted by fax, regular mail, or hand-delivery. If faxing your comments, include "petitions for modification" on the subject line of the fax. Comments by regular mail or hand-delivery should be submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209. If hand-delivered, you are required to stop by the 21st floor to check in with the receptionist. All comments must be postmarked or received by the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before November 6, 2006. Copies of the petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated at Arlington, Virginia, this 29th day of September 2006.

Cherie A. Hutchison,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Regulations. This is required notice of permit application received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 6, 2006. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations established such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 2007-016

1. *Applicant:* David Hutchins, College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, 700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE 19958.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Export and Introduce a Non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to introduce two (2) 100 ml vials each of *Phaeocystis Antarctica*, *Thalassiosira Antarctica*, *Parauonema sp.*, *Tyramimonas tychothreta*, *Paraphysomonas imperforate*,

Geminigera cryophila, *Mallomonas sp.*, *unidentified Antarctic marine bacterium*, and *Fragilaria sp.* to Antarctica for use during experiments onboard the *RVIB Nathaniel B. Palmer*. These marine phytoplankton will be used in shipboard experiments to study feeding rates of Antarctic protistan grazers. The cultures will be destroyed after use.

Location: Ross Sea, Antarctica.

Dates: October 20, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

Permit Application No. 2007-017

2. *Applicant:* Philip R. Kyle, Department of Earth & Environmental Science, NM Institute of Mining & Technology, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area. The applicant plans to use the hut at Cape Crozier (ASPA 124) and collect rock samples from Post Office Hill and The Knoll, all of which are within the Cape Crozier ASPA. The team does not plan to enter the penguin rookery.

Location: Cape Crozier, Ross Island (ASPA #124).

Dates: November 29, 2006 to January 30, 2007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

Neighborworks® America; Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors; Sunshine Act

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

PLACE: 1325 G Street NW., Suite 800, Boardroom, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jeffrey T. Bryson, General Counsel/Secretary, (202) 220-2372; jbryson@nw.org.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Approval of the Minutes.
- III. Summary Report of the Audit Committee.
- IV. Summary Report of the Finance, Budget and Program Committee.
- V. Summary Report of the Corporate Administration Committee.
- VI. Financial Report.
- VII. Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Management Report.
 - a. Strategic Plan Update.

- b. Gulf Coast Rebuilding Initiative.
 - c. CFO Update.
 - d. GSE Housing Fund Update.
 - e. Center for Foreclosure Solutions.
 - f. NHTSA Update.
- VIII. Training Division Update.
IX. Adjournment.

Jeffrey T. Bryson,

General Counsel/Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-382]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Notice of Partial Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has denied a portion of an amendment request by Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-38, issued to the licensee for operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2004 (69 FR 70717).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise Technical Specifications (TS) 3.7.4, "Ultimate Heat Sink," to provide clarification that the ambient temperature monitoring requirement that is specified in TS 3.7.4.d only applies when the affected ultimate heat sink train is considered to be operable and to delete TS 3.7.4.c. Deleting TS 3.7.4.c would allow the plant to take credit for the dry cooling tower fans that are not protected from tornado missiles when a tornado warning is in effect.

The NRC staff has concluded that the portion of the licensee's request regarding deletion of TS 3.7.4.c cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by a letter dated September 28, 2006.

By 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.309.

A request for hearing or 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, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. Because of possible delays in delivery to mail to U.S. 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 any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and because of possible delays in delivery of mail to the U.S. 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 any petitions should also be sent to N. S. Reynolds, Esquire, Winston & Strawn, 1700 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-3817, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) The application for amendment dated November 5, 2004, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated September 28, 2006.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link 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 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 28th day of September 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, Stn 50-529, and STN 50-530]

Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; 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 No. NPF-41, Facility Operating License No. NPF-51, and Facility Operating License No. NPF-74, issued to Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) for the operation of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

The proposed amendment would modify requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.2, "Main Steam Isolation Valves (MSIVs)," to include specific requirements (Conditions, Required Actions, and Completion Times) for the MSIV actuator trains. Additionally, surveillance requirement (SR) 3.7.2.1 will be revised to clearly identify that each MSIV actuator train is required to be tested to support the operability of the associated MSIV.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, 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 Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (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, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No