

Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities” (NUREG-1496) Volumes 1–3 (ML042310492, ML042320379, and ML042330385). The staff finds there were no significant environmental impacts from the use of radioactive material at the Facility. The NRC staff reviewed the docket file records and the final status survey report to identify any non-radiological hazards that may have impacted the environment surrounding the Facility. No such hazards or impacts to the environment were identified. The NRC has identified no other radiological or non-radiological activities in the area that could result in cumulative environmental impacts.

The NRC staff finds that the proposed release of the Facility for unrestricted use is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402. Based on its review, the staff considered the impact of the residual radioactivity at the Facility and concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Due to the largely administrative nature of the proposed action, its environmental impacts are small. Therefore, the only alternative the staff considered is the no-action alternative, under which the staff would leave things as they are by simply denying the amendment request. This no-action alternative is not feasible because it conflicts with 10 CFR 30.36(d), requiring that decommissioning of byproduct material facilities be completed and approved by the NRC after licensed activities cease. The NRC’s analysis of the Licensee’s final status survey data confirmed that the Facility meets the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release. Additionally, denying the amendment request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are therefore similar, and the no-action alternative is accordingly not further considered.

Conclusion

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the NRC’s unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

NRC provided a draft of this Environmental Assessment to the State of Vermont’s Office of Radiological Health for review on September 16, 2008. On October 22, 2008, the State of Vermont’s Office of Radiological Health responded by e-mail. The State agreed with the conclusions of the EA, and otherwise had no comments.

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is of a procedural nature, and will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has prepared this EA in support of the proposed action. On the basis of this EA, the NRC finds that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for license amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC’s Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC’s Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. The documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers.

1. Letter dated April 25, 2008 requesting amendment (ML081270653);
2. Letter dated July 8, 2008 providing additional information (ML081980145);
3. NUREG-1757, “Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance”;
4. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20, Subpart E, “Radiological Criteria for License Termination”;
5. Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 51, “Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions”;
6. NUREG-1496, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement in

Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities.”

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. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC’s PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA this 19th day of November 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Kansas Gas and Electric Company, Kansas City Power & Light Company, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Wolf Creek Generating Station, Unit 1; Notice of Issuance of Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-42 for an Additional 20-Year Period Record of Decision

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued renewed facility operating license No. NPF-42 to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC), the operator of the Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). Renewed facility operating license No. NPF-42 authorizes operation of WCGS at reactor core power levels not in excess of 3565 megawatts thermal (1228 megawatts electric), in accordance with the provisions of the WCGS renewed license and its technical specifications.

The notice also serves as the record of decision for the renewal of facility operating license No. NPF-42 for WCGS, consistent with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 51.103 (10 CFR 51.103). As discussed in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for WCGS, dated May 2008, the Commission considered a range of reasonable alternatives that included generation from coal, natural gas, oil, wind, solar,

hydropower, geothermal, wood waste, municipal solid waste, other biomass-derived fuels, delayed retirement, utility-sponsored conservation, a combination of alternatives, and a no action alternative. The factors considered in the record decision can be found in the supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for License Renewal, Supplement 32 regarding Wolf Creek Generating Station.

WCGS Unit 1 is a PWR located 3.5 miles northeast of the town of Burlington, in Coffey County, Kansas. The application for the renewed license complied with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations. As required by the Act and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, the Commission has made appropriate findings, which are set forth in the license. Prior public notice of the action involving the proposed issuance of the renewed license and of an opportunity for a hearing regarding the proposed issuance of the renewed license was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2006.

For further details with respect to this action, see: (1) WCNOG's license renewal application for WCGS dated September 27, 2006, as supplemented by letters dated through August 1, 2008; (2) the Commission's safety evaluation report (NUREG-1915), published in October 2008; (3) the updated safety analysis report; and (4) the Commission's final environmental impact statement (NUREG-1437, Supplement 32), for WCGS, published on May 8, 2008. These documents are available at the NRC's Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, and can be viewed from the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Copies of Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-42, may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Director, Division of License Renewal. Copies of the WCGS safety evaluation report (NUREG-1915) and the final environmental impact statement (NUREG-1437, Supplement 32) may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161 (<http://www.ntis.gov>), 703-605-6000, or Attention: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954 Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (<http://>

www.gpoaccess.gov), 202-512-1800. All orders should clearly identify the NRC publication number and the requestor's Government Printing Office deposit account number or VISA or MasterCard number and expiration date.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of November 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian E. Holian,

Director, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Office of Federal Procurement Policy

48 CFR Part 9904

Cost Accounting Standards: Harmonization of Cost Accounting Standards 412 and 413 With the Pension Protection Act of 2006

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), Cost Accounting Standards Board (Board), is today announcing an extension of time to submit public comments regarding the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) (73 FR 51261, September 2, 2008) on the harmonization of Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) 412 and 413 with the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-280, 120 Stat.780). Many of the public comments received as of November 3, 2008 noted that the ANPRM addressed complex and technical accounting issues. Some of the commenters noted that they were still actively performing actuarial modeling of the ANPRM and alternative approaches. These commenters asked that the Board consider promulgating a second ANPRM or accepting public comments submitted after the original due date of November 3, 2008. Because the Final Rule must be published within the statutory time requirements of Section 106 of the PPA, the Board is concerned that the promulgation of a second ANPRM might not be feasible. Therefore to permit fuller consideration of the continuing efforts by the public, and to mitigate the need for a second ANPRM, the Board is extending the comment period to the date specified below.

Public comments already received in response to the ANPRM are available in their entirety at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/index_casb.htm and at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: Comments must be in writing and must be received by December 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The full text of the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Board's response to public comments on the Staff Discussion Paper and the draft proposed amendments to Cost Accounting Standards 412 and 413, is available at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/index_casb.html.

All comments to this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking must be in writing. Due to delays in the receipt and processing of mail, respondents are strongly encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. Electronic comments may be submitted in any one of three ways:

1. Comments may be directly sent via <http://www.regulations.gov>—a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review, and submit comments on documents that agencies have published in the **Federal Register** and that are open for comment. Simply type "CAS Pension Harmonization ANPRM" (without quotes) in the Comment or Submission search box, click Go, and follow the instructions for submitting comments;

2. Comments may be included in an e-mail message sent to casb2@omb.eop.gov. The comments may be submitted in the text of the e-mail message or as an attachment; or

3. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to (202) 395-5105.

Be sure to include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of your public comment and reference "CAS Pension Harmonization ANPRM" in the subject line. Comments received by the date specified below will be included as part of the official record.

Please note that all public comments received will be available in their entirety at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/index_casb.html and <http://www.regulations.gov> shortly after their receipt.

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