

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there are no environmental impacts associated with adopting a selective implementation of the alternative source term radiological analysis methodology.

The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the license amendment that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the license amendment.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. The NRC amended its regulations to allow holders of operating licenses at currently operating reactors to voluntarily amend their design basis to replace the current accident source term with an alternative source term. The proposed rule was published for public comment and availability of the draft environmental assessment was noticed on March 11, 1999 (64 FR 12117). The NRC's finding of no significant environmental impact for revision of 10 CFR Parts 21, 50 and 54 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML993430370), confirms that the use of an alternative source term alone does not increase core damage frequency, large early release frequency or actual offsite or onsite doses. The NRC's safety evaluation of the licensee's amendment request reassured the values met dose criteria. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released off site. 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 NUREG-0063, "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of William B. McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2," April 1976, and the Addendum to NUREG-0063 issued in January 1981; and in NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants, Supplement 8, Regarding McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Final Report," dated December 2002.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 14, 2006, the staff consulted with the North Carolina State official, Mr. Jeffrey Bethea of the Division of Environmental Health, Radiation Protection Section, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated December 20, 2005, as supplemented by letters dated May 4 and August 31, 2006. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the 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 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; New System of Records

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of new system of records.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing notice of the establishment of a new system of records, NRC-45, Digital Certificates for Personal Identity Verification.

DATES: The new system of records will become effective without further notice on January 31, 2007, unless comments received on or before that date cause a contrary decision. If changes are made based on NRC's review of comments received, a new final notice will be published.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be provided to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Written comments should also be transmitted to the Chief of the Rules and Directives Branch, either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-5144, or by e-mail to nrcprep@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra S. Northern, Privacy Program Officer, FOIA/Privacy Act Team, Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch, Information and Records Services Division, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-6879; e-mail: ssn@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The establishment of this new system of records, NRC-45, Digital Certificates for Personal Identity Verification, will allow the NRC to collect and maintain information to facilitate secure, on-line communication between Federal automated information systems and the public; to authenticate individuals requiring access to federally controlled facilities, information systems and applications; and to track and control personal identity verification (PIV) cards (smartcards) issued to persons entering and exiting the facilities by the

use of digital certificate technologies to authenticate and verify identity.

A report on the proposed new system is being sent to OMB, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the U.S. Senate, and the Committee on Government Reform of the U.S. House of Representatives as required by the Privacy Act and OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix I, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals."

Accordingly, the NRC proposes to add NRC-45 to read as follows:

NRC-45

SYSTEM NAME:

Digital Certificates for Personal Identity Verification-NRC.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Primary system—Office of Information Services, NRC, White Flint North Complex, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, and contractor facility.

Duplicate system—Duplicate systems may exist, in whole or in part, at the locations listed in Addendum I, part 2, published on October 10, 2006 (71 FR 59614).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered are persons who have applied for the issuance of digital certificates for signature, encryption, and/or authentication purposes; have had their certificates renewed, replaced, suspended, revoked, or denied; have used their certificates to electronically make contact with, retrieve information from, or submit information to an automated information system; or have corresponded with NRC or its contractor concerning digital certificate services.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system contains information needed to establish and verify the identity of users, to maintain the system, and to establish accountability and audit controls. System records may include: (a) Applications for the issuance, amendment, renewal, replacement, or revocation of digital certificates, including evidence provided by applicants or proof of identity and authority, and sources used to verify an applicant's identity and authority; (b) Certificates issued; (c) Certificates denied, suspended, or revoked, including reasons for denial, suspension, or revocation; (d) A list of currently valid certificates; (e) A list of currently invalid certificates; (f) A record of validation transactions attempted with digital certificates; and

(g) A record of validation transactions completed with digital certificates.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; Electronic Government Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 36; the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501; Government Paperwork Elimination Act, 44 U.S.C. 3504; Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, August 27, 2004; Executive Order 9397.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to the disclosures permitted under subsection (b) of the Privacy Act, the NRC may disclose information contained in this system of records without the consent of the subject individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the record was collected under the following routine uses:

- a. To agency digital certificate program contractors to compile and maintain documentation on applicants for verifying applicants' identity and authority to access information system applications; to establish and maintain documentation on information sources for verifying applicants' identities; to ensure proper management, data accuracy, and evaluation of the system;
- b. To Federal authorities to determine the validity of subscriber digital certificates and other identity attributes;
- c. To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records management purposes;
- d. To a public data repository (only name, e-mail address, organization, and public key) to facilitate secure communications using digital certificates; and
- e. Any of the routine uses specified in the Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses, published October 10, 2006 (71 FR 59614).

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosure of system records to consumer reporting systems is not permitted.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are stored electronically or on paper.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrievable by an individual's name, e-mail address, certificate status, certificate number,

certificate issuance date, or approval role.

SAFEGUARDS:

Technical, administrative, and personnel security measures are implemented to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the system data stored, processed, and transmitted. Hard copy documents are maintained in locking file cabinets. Electronic records are password protected. Access to and use of these records are limited to those individuals whose official duties require access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Disposition pending (until NARA has approved the retention and disposition schedule for these records, treat the records as permanent).

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Infrastructure and Computer Operations Division, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information pertaining to themselves should write to the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) Officer, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and comply with the procedures contained in NRC's Privacy Act regulations, 10 CFR part 9.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as "Notification procedure."

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Same as "Notification procedure."

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The sources for information in the system are the individuals who apply for digital certificates, the NRC and contractors using multiple sources to verify identities, and internal system transactions designed to gather and maintain data needed to manage and evaluate the digital certificate program.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMS FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of December, 2006.

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Director, Office of Information Services.

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