

an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Green at (202) 632-1509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title

Application for Literacy Leader Fellowships which will provide assistance to individuals pursuing careers in adult education or literacy in the areas of instruction, management, research, or innovation and adult new learners. Under the program, career literacy workers and adult learners are applicants for fellowships.

Abstract

The National Literacy Act of 1991 established the National Institute for Literacy and required that the Institute award fellowships to engage in research, education, training, technical assistance, or other activities to advance the field of adult education or literacy, including the training of volunteer literacy providers at the national, State, or local level. Evaluations to determine successful applicants will be made by a panel of literacy experts using the published criteria. The Institute will use this information to make a maximum of four fellowships for a period of no less than 3 nor more than 12 months of full-time activity or the equivalent in less than full-time participation.

Burden Statement: The burden for this collection of information is estimated at 4 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, complete the form, and review the collection of information.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondent: 100.

Estimated number of Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 400 hours.

Frequency of Collection: One time. Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden to: Susan Green, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, and Dan Chenok, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 2, 1995.

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Director, NIFL.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Consumers Power Company; Palisades Plant Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from Facility Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company, (the licensee), for operation of the Palisades Plant located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

This Environmental Assessment has been prepared to address potential environmental issues related to the licensee's application of March 17, 1995, as supplemented April 26, 1995. The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Paragraph III.D.1.(a), to the extent that a one-time interval extension for the Type A test (containment integrated leak rate test) by approximately 21 months from the May 1995 refueling outage to the 1997 refueling outage would be granted.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to permit the licensee to defer the Type A test from the May 1995 refueling outage to the 1997 refueling outage, thereby saving the cost of performing the test and eliminating the test period from the critical path time of the outage.

Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed one-time exemption would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents previously analyzed and the proposed one-time exemption would not affect facility radiation levels or facility radiological effluents. The licensee has analyzed the results of previous Type A tests performed at the Palisades Plant to show adequate containment performance and will continue to be required to conduct the Type B and C local leak rate tests which historically

have been shown to be the principal means of detecting containment leakage paths with the Type A tests confirming the Type B and C test results. It is also noted that the licensee, as a condition of the proposed exemption, would perform the visual containment inspection although it is only required by Appendix J to be conducted in conjunction with Type A tests. The NRC staff considers that these inspections, though limited in scope, provide an important added level of confidence in the continued integrity of the containment boundary. The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types or amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action. 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

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Palisades Plant dated June 1972 and its addendum dated February 1978.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on May 4, 1995, the NRC staff consulted with the Michigan State official, Dennis Hahn of the Michigan Department of Public Health, Nuclear Facilities and Environmental Monitoring, regarding