

radiological accident scenarios were small, with negligible associated health effects, or below the level normally assumed for the onset of clinically observed effects. The fourth accident analyzed, the release of gaseous ammonia, would be expected to produce noticeable, but not life-threatening effects both on site and off site. Given the low likelihood of these accidents, it is concluded that the license renewal will not have a significant impact on the general population.

Socioeconomic Impacts

SPC employs 1,000 people at the Richland plant, which is approximately 1.5 percent of the 68,000 people employed in the Tri-Cities area. Renewal of the license will allow the continued operation of the facility and continued employment of these 1,000 people.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

If the license is not renewed, the facility would cease operation and begin decontamination and decommissioning. SPC would perform a survey of the site grounds and buildings and develop a detailed decontamination and decommissioning plan. This plan would include the decontamination of buildings, lagoons, and other outdoor areas; generation and off-site disposal of significant quantities of low-level radioactive waste; and excavation of contaminated soils. Decontamination and decommissioning operations would result in the release of small amounts of radioactivity to the atmosphere and to the Columbia River. Specific estimates of the quantities that would be released and associated doses are too speculative to predict, but the expected range could be about the same as for continued operation to one order of magnitude less. Consequently, the doses to the maximally exposed individual and to the general population would be about the same to an order of magnitude less.

The decontamination and decommissioning operations would require fewer employees than plant operations, resulting in an immediate negative socioeconomic impact. This negative socioeconomic impact would increase when decontamination and decommissioning operations were completed and the facility closed.

The cessation of operations would also result in there being one less operating fuel fabrication facility in the U.S., with a potential impact on the commercial nuclear power industry.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

To prepare the Environmental Assessment, the staff used the license renewal application dated August 1992; Revision 4 to the Supplement to Applicant's Environmental Report dated July 1994; additional information dated September 12 and October 21, 1994, and March 31, 1995; and independent data and analyses. In addition, discussions were held with the Washington Department of Health, Radiation Protection Division; the Washington Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program and Water Quality Section; the Benton County Clean Air Authority; the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region X; the City of Richland Department of Water and Waste Utilities; the Washington State Archeologist; the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Yakama Agency; and the Yakama Indian Nation.

Conclusion

The NRC staff concludes that the environmental impacts associated with the proposed license renewal for continued operation of SPC's Richland facility are expected to be insignificant.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-1227. On the basis of this assessment, NRC has concluded that environmental impacts that would be created by the proposed licensing action would not be significant and do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Accordingly, it has been determined that a finding of no significant impact is appropriate.

Opportunity for a Hearing

Any person whose interest may be affected by the issuance of this license renewal may file a request for a hearing. Any request for hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**; must be served on the NRC staff (Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852), and on the licensee (Siemens Power Corporation, 2101 Horn Rapids Road, Richland, WA 99352-0130); and must comply with the requirements for requesting a hearing set forth in the Commission's regulation 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings."

These requirements, which the requestor must address in detail, are:

1. The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing;
3. The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstances establishing that the request for hearing is timely, that is, filed within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addressing how the requestor's interest may be affected by the proceeding, the request should describe the nature of the requestor's right under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to be made a party to the proceeding; the nature and extent of the requestor's property, financial, or other (i.e., health, safety) interest in the proceeding; and the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding upon the requestor's interest.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Release of Canadian Tax Information.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-261.
- (3) *OMB Number:* N/A.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* N/A.
- (5) *Type of request:* New Collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 50.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 50.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 4.
- (10) *Collection description:* The proposed information collection will request Canadian taxpayers who are