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In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call Herman Fleming NSF Clearance Officer of (703) 306–1243.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the propose collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send Comments to Herman Fleming, Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 485, Arlington, VA 22230. Written comments should be received by December 20, 1995.

Proposed Project: Fastlane Baseline Data Collection.

Abstract: Information will be collected from faculty and administration at 21 colleges and universities. The purpose of the data collection is to establish baseline measures of applicant burden and customer perceptions about the NSF and Federal grant application process. The baseline measures will be used in future years to measures the effect of Fastland (NSF's electronic proposal preparation system) and will provide customer input to the system design. The data will also be used by NIH and the Department of Energy for similar purposes.

Respondents/Burden hours: 320 respondents (16 individuals at 20 institutions) will be interviewed for about one-hour each.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-298]

Exemption

In the Matter of: Nebraska Public Power District (Cooper Nuclear Station).

I.

Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, which authorizes operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) at power levels not in excess of 2381 megawatts thermal. The facility consists of a boiling water reactor at the licensee's site in Nemaha County, Nebraska. The operating license provides, among other things, that CNS is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect. II.

The licensee requested, in its application dated May 13, 1994, an exemption from the pressure test requirements of Section III.D.2(b)(ii) of Appendix J, "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing For Water-Cooled Power Reactors," to 10 CFR Part 50 (Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50). The staff discussed the details of the proposed exemption with the licensee in a telephone conference call on September 28, 1995. The proposed exemption would allow the licensee to leak test the personnel air lock at CNS at a test pressure less than P_a, (the calculated peak containment internal pressure resulting from the containment design basis accident), under certain conditions. The reduced pressure test of the air lock would be conducted as the first of two tests during a restart from refueling or cold shutdown, prior to entry into an operational mode requiring containment leaktight integrity by the CNS Technical Specifications (TSs). As stated in CNS TS 4.7.A.2.f.5, for periodic leakage testing of the personnel air lock, P_a is 58 psig and the reduced test pressure is 3

psig. This leakage test is part of the Type B tests required by Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 to verify containment integrity. Because an air lock allows entry into the containment and is part of the containment pressure boundary, excessive leakage through the air lock could compromise containment integrity. The air lock consists of an inner and outer door and the leakage test is performed by pressurizing the space between the doors.

Section III.D.2 of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 specifies the required periodic retest schedule for Type B tests, including testing of air locks. Pursuant to Section III.D.2(b)(ii), licensees are required to leakage test air locks, opened during periods when containment integrity is not required by the TSs, at the end of such periods. This section applies to testing of air locks during restart from refueling or cold shutdown because the CNS TSs do not require containment integrity for either of these operational modes. This section states that the air lock test shall be performed at a pressure that is not less than P_a.

The proposed exemption is concerned with Section III.D.2(b)(ii); however, there are two other sections in Appendix J which have requirements on testing air locks. Section III.D.2(b)(i) requires an air lock test every 6 months at a test pressure of P_a and Section III.D.2(b)(iii) requires a test every 3 days when the air lock is used during a period when containment integrity is required by the TSs. The latter section requires the test pressure to be P_a , or the test pressure specified in the TSs, which for CNS is specified as 3 psig in TS 4.7.A.2.f.5.

The licensee stated in its application that it currently tests the personnel air lock twice during the restart of the plant for power operation from refueling or cold shutdown: (1) Prior to the reactor being taken critical, or the reactor water temperature being above 100°C (212°F), and (2) after the last entry into containment for leak inspection during restart. The time between the two tests is about 24 to 48 hours, and the second test is at low reactor power prior to entry into the run mode, the full power mode of operation.

The first test is in accordance with Section III.D.2(b)(ii) and is performed at the conclusion of the period when containment integrity is not required by the TSs. This test is conducted prior to entry into an operational mode requiring containment integrity. The second test is in accordance with Section III.D.2(b)(iii) and is performed at 3-day intervals while the air lock is being used when containment integrity is required. As stated above, in accordance with this section, the second test could be conducted at a test pressure of 3 psig at CNS, because this pressure is stated in TS 4.7.A.2.f.5. However, because the licensee also performs the second test to meet the 6month interval requirement in Section III.D.2(b)(i), the second test is conducted at Pa.

The proposed exemption would not change the number of air lock tests for the restart to power operation for CNS, the manner in which the second test is