

Since the beginning of the strike, OCNCS has been operated by Senior Reactor Operator licensed personnel. As a result, both types of licensed personnel are unavailable for the requalification written examinations and operating tests until the strike is over.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the extension of the completion date for the operator requalification program from June 30, 2003, to 90 days following resolution of the strike, but no later than December 31, 2003.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, it will make no changes to the types of effluents that may be released off site, and 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 NRC 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. Thus, 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 resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for OCNCS, dated December 1974.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On June 9, 2003, the NRC staff consulted with the State official, Mr. Rich Pinney of the New Jersey 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 Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission 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 May 30, 2003. 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 at O-1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records are accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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 by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Revision of OMB Circular No. A-133.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is issuing final revisions to Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.” The purpose of these revisions is to (1) increase the threshold for audit from \$300,000 to \$500,000, (2) increase the threshold for cognizant agency for audit from \$25 million to \$50 million, and (3) make related technical changes to facilitate the determination of cognizant agency for audit and provide for Federal agency

reassignment of oversight agency for audit.

DATES: The final revisions are effective for fiscal years ending after December 31, 2003, and early implementation will not be permitted with the exception of the amendment to the definition of oversight agency for audit in Circular A-133, section .105. The amendment to the definition of oversight agency for audit is effective July 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Recipients should contact their cognizant agency for audit or oversight agency for audit or Federal awarding agency, as may be appropriate in the circumstances. Subrecipients should contact their pass-through entity. Federal agencies should contact Terrill W. Ramsey, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 202-395-3993.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 12, 2002, OMB proposed revisions (67 FR 52545) to OMB Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.” The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is issuing final revisions to Circular A-133, “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.” The revisions will (1) increase the threshold for audit from \$300,000 to \$500,000, (2) increase the threshold for cognizant agency for audit from \$25 million to \$50 million, and (3) make related technical changes to facilitate the determination of cognizant agency for audit and provide for Federal agency reassignment of oversight agency for audit.

The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 7502(a)(3), provide for the Director of OMB to review the single audit threshold on a biennial basis and increase it as appropriate. The audit threshold established in 1997 required all non-Federal entities (States, local governments, and non-profit organizations) that expend \$300,000 or more in a year in Federal awards to have an audit conducted in accordance with Circular A-133. The revision increases the audit threshold from \$300,000 to \$500,000. This increase relieves almost 6,000 entities from the audit requirements of Circular A-133 while only exempting from audit less than one half of one percent of Federal awards expended (in dollars) by entities currently conducting Circular A-133 audits.

The revision increases the threshold for cognizant agency for audit from \$25 million to \$50 million. This change will reduce the number of non-Federal entities with a cognizant agency for audit assignment from approximately