

Technical Specification 3/4.6.1.7, "Containment Ventilation System," to extend the intervals between operability tests of the normal and supplementary containment purge valves.

*Date of issuance:* January 7, 2003.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance to be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* Unit 1-147; Unit 2-135.

*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80:* The amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* March 19, 2002 (67 FR 12608). The July 23, 2002, supplemental letter provided clarifying information that was within the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 12608) and did not change the initial no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 7, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

*STP Nuclear Operating Company, Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499, South Texas Project. Units 1 and 2, Matagorda County, Texas*

*Date of amendment request:* May 22, 2002.

*Brief description of amendments:* The proposed amendments revised Technical Specification 3/4.3.5, allowing the automatic operation of the atmospheric steam relief valves during Mode 2 to maintain secondary side pressure at or below an indicated steam generator pressure of 1225 psig during startup and shutdown of the reactors.

*Date of issuance:* January 13, 2003.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance to be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* Unit 1-148; Unit 2-136.

*Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80:* Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* July 9, 2002 (67 FR 45571).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated January 13, 2003.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of January 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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*Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions, granting authority to make appointments under Schedule C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.1 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are one Schedule A authority and the individual authorities established under Schedule C between December 01, 2002 and December 31, 2002. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

### Schedule A

*U.S. Chemical and Hazard Investigation Board*

Up to 37 positions established to create the Chemical Safety Hazard Investigation Board. No new appointments may be made under this authority after December 31, 2000. Effective December 31, 2002.

### Schedule C

*Department of Agriculture*

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective December 10, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 12, 2002.

Assistant to the Chief for Environment and Natural Resources. Effective December 20, 2002.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations to the Chief Natural Resource and Conservation Service. Effective December 20, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective December 20, 2002.

*Department of Commerce*

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective December 9, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director of External Affairs. Effective December 30, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director of External Affairs. Effective December 30, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Director of External Affairs. Effective December 30, 2002.

*Department of Defense*

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Eurasia). Effective December 4, 2002.

Protocol Officer to the Director of Protocol. Effective December 9, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence. Effective December 30, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Effective December 30, 2002.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Effective December 30, 2002.

Defense Short to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective December 31, 2002.

*Department of Education*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Management. Effective December 19, 2002.

Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative, Region IX to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional Services. Effective December 20, 2002.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant. Effective December 31, 2002.

*Department of Energy*

Special Assistant for Communications to the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. Effective December 4, 2002.

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Energy. Effective December 13, 2002.

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 2, 2002.

Director of Speechwriting to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Media). Effective December 10, 2002.

Assistant to the Commissioner for Presidential Initiatives. Effective December 12, 2002.