

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at INFOCOLLECTS@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of February 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, AND 50-530]

Arizona Public Service Co.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Conforming Amendments

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted the withdrawal of the application dated April 15, 2002, as supplemented by letter dated July 11, 2002, filed by Arizona Public Service Company (APS) and Pinnacle West Energy Corporation (PWE), which had requested approval of the transfer of the Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (Palo Verde), Units 1, 2, and 3, to the extent held by APS, to PWE, in connection with a proposed restructuring of APS. The application also requested approval, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, of proposed conforming amendments. Palo Verde, Units 1, 2, and 3, are located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of

Approval of Transfer of Facility Operating Licenses and Conforming Amendments, and Opportunity for a Hearing, which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2002 (67 FR 49044). However, by letter dated December 23, 2002, APS and PWE withdrew the application.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated April 15, 2002, as supplemented by letter dated July 11, 2002, and the licensee's letter dated December 23, 2002, which withdrew the application. Documents will 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 O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (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 email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of February 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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[Docket 72-30]

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Proposed Exemption

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption to Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MYAPC or licensee), pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from specific provisions of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i), 72.212(b)(7), and 72.214. The licensee is planning to use the NAC-UMS Storage System to store spent nuclear fuel from the decommissioning reactor. The requested exemption would allow MYAPC to deviate from requirements of

the NAC-UMS Certificate of Compliance #1015 (CoC or Certificate), Appendix A, Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) Items 3.1.1.1, 3.1.1.2, 3.1.4.1, and 3.1.4.2. Specifically, the exemption would allow MYAPC to increase: (1) Vacuum drying time limits based on canister heat load; (2) vacuum drying time limits after 24 hours of in-pool or forced air cooling; (3) time duration limit from completion of canister helium backfill through completion of canister transfer to the concrete cask; and (4) time duration limit from completion of in-pool or forced air cooling through completion of the canister transfer to the concrete cask.

By letter dated January 15, 2002, the designer of the NAC-UMS system, NAC International, requested an amendment to CoC #1015, that seeks, among several other changes, to increase the vacuum drying time limits. That request was supplemented on November 27, 2002. The information provided in the amendment request, as supplemented, is relevant to the exemption request by MYAPC and provides the safety basis for the time limits increase.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action

By letter dated November 7, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2002, MYAPC requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i), 72.212(b)(7), and 10 CFR 72.214 to deviate from the requirements in CoC No. 1015, Appendix A, LCO Items 3.1.1.1, 3.1.1.2, 3.1.4.1, and 3.1.4.2. MYAPC has informed the NRC of its plans to store spent nuclear fuel under the general licensing provisions of 10 CFR part 72. The licensee has begun loading spent fuel into the NAC-UMS Storage System at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) located at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station in Wiscasset, Maine.

The current requirements in CoC No. 1015, Appendix A, LCO Items 3.1.1.1, 3.1.1.2, 3.1.4.1, and 3.1.4.2 establish time limits for vacuum drying operations as follows:

(1) LCO 3.1.1.1 limits the vacuum drying time for the fuel canister based on heat load per canister to the following:

(a) 34 hours for heat loads less than or equal to 8 kilowatts (kW).

(b) 30 hours for heat loads greater than 8 kW and less than or equal to 11 kW.

(c) 23 hours for heat loads greater than 11 kW and less than or equal to 14 kW.

(d) 19 hours for heat loads greater than 14 kW and less than or equal to 17.6 kW.