

9 a.m. Opening session.  
 9 a.m. New Data Collection Methods.  
 1 p.m. Business Lists Comparisons.  
 2:45 p.m. Priorities for future meetings.  
 3:15 p.m. Disability Questions in the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey.  
 4:45 p.m. Conclude (approximate time).

The meeting is open to the public. Any questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Margaret Johnson, Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee, on Area Code (202) 691-5600. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Ms. Johnson at least two days prior to the meeting date.

Signed at Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.

**Philip L. Ronese,**

*Acting Commissioner of Labor Statistics.*

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## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection

**AGENCY:** Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request for a new collection. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** MSPB has submitted an ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On September 12, 2006 (**Federal Register**, Volume 71, Number 176, page 53712-53713), MSPB sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). MSPB received no comments. Additional comments should be submitted on or before December 18, 2006 to OMB (Brenda Aguilar at [baguilar@omb.eop.gov](mailto:baguilar@omb.eop.gov) or fax (202) 395-6974).

**ADDRESSES:** You may also submit comments to MSPB via any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [mspb.study@mspb.gov](mailto:mspb.study@mspb.gov). Include "Employee Surveys" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* (202) 653-7211.

*Mail:* Cynthia Ferentinos, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Suite 500,

1615 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20419.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the survey questions, contact Cynthia Ferentinos by phone on 202-653-6772, ext. 1334, by fax on 202-653-7211, or by e-mail at [cynthia.ferentinos@mspb.gov](mailto:cynthia.ferentinos@mspb.gov). You may contact Ms. Ferentinos V/TDD at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Proposed Project:* "Career Advancement Survey of Federal Employees"

As part of its purpose, MSPB is responsible for conducting studies of the Federal civil service to ensure that all Federal government agencies follow merit systems practices and avoid prohibited personnel practices. To support this research agenda, MSPB periodically conducts surveys of samples of Federal employees. To obtain insight into the current perspectives, MSPB requests approval to conduct additional surveys over the next three years.

The content of these surveys will focus on the career progression strategies utilized by Federal employees. In particular, we will examine if advancement techniques vary between groups of employees and evaluate the outcomes associated with each approach. We also plan to identify perceptions held by employees regarding discrimination and strategies that may have been used to overcome this potential barrier. In addition to the primary survey which is designed to cover all employees, we may also design a limited number of more narrowly focused surveys, which address issues unique to subpopulations of Federal employees (e.g., people with disabilities).

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per respondent.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Participants are selected via stratified random sampling to facilitate a representative sample of Federal employees.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 46,000.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 23,000.

Dated: November 14, 2006.

**Matthew Shannon,**

*Deputy Clerk of the Board.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (06-084)]

### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States and foreign countries to practice the inventions described and claimed in "Embedded Carbon Nanotube Array as High Performance Thermal Conductors" ARC-15173-1 and "System And Method using Self-Assembled Nano Structures in the Design and Fabrication of an Integrated Circuit Micro-Cooler" ARC-15832-1 to Nanoconduction, Inc., having its principal place of business in Sunnyvale, CA. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections relating to the prospective exclusive license may be submitted to Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, MS 202A-4, Moffett Field, CA 94035-1000, (650) 604-5104; Fax (650) 604-2767.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert M. Padilla, Chief Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Ames Research Center, MS 202A-4, Moffett

Field, CA 94035-1000, (650) 604-5104; Fax (650) 604-2767. Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://techtracs.nasa.gov>.

Dated: November 9, 2006.

**Keith T. Sefton,**

*Deputy General Counsel, Administration and Management.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-259]

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-33 issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN), Unit 1 located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would delete the Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirement (SR) to verify the position of a low pressure coolant injection (LPCI) crosstie valve. Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. Does the proposed Technical Specification change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

*Response:* No. This TS change is administrative in nature, since it deletes the surveillance requirement (SR 3.5.1.4) to periodically verify the position of a valve which has now been physically removed from Unit 1. Originally, BFN's LPCI design included the capability for the redundant LPCI loop discharge piping to be cross-tied; however, subsequent analysis determined that the crosstie capability, under certain accident and single-failure scenarios, could result in the loss of injection from both LPCI loops. This analysis also determined that the crosstie capability was not required for the mitigation of any design basis events. Accordingly, since certain crosstie failure modes could prevent mitigation of these or other events, TVA modified the plant design to eliminate the crosstie capability. This was accomplished by closing and deenergizing the motor-operated isolation valve that existed in the crosstie flow path and adding an SR to require periodic verification that the valve was closed and deenergized.

The modified Unit 1 configuration [i.e., LPCI loop discharge crosstie valve removed and the associated remaining piping capped or closed with a blind flange] eliminates the possibility of an undesired flow path. Additionally, the Seismic Class I qualification and the ASME Section XI classification of the remaining piping in the new plant configuration are equivalent to the replaced line configuration. Accordingly, the TS change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed Technical Specification change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

*Response:* No. The physical modification eliminating the LPCI loop discharge crosstie capability does not require revision of the safety analyses. In addition, since the LPCI loop crosstie valve has been physically removed from the system and the associated lines capped or closed via blind flange, the possibility for inadvertent flow between the LPCI loops has been eliminated. Removing the valve and capping/flanging the remaining piping is an improvement over the old configuration. The LPCI function will be accomplished in the same way as before the modification, and no new failure modes have been introduced.

3. Does the proposed Technical Specification change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

*Response:* No. This TS change does not involve a reduction in the margin of safety since removal of the LPCI loop cross tie valve eliminates the possibility of flow between the two LPCI loops, and it obviates the need for valve position verification contained in the SR. In addition, since removing the valve and capping/flanging the residual piping meets the intent of the SR, the safety analysis remains unchanged.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the

amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. 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 O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to