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The application received follows:

### 1. Permit Application No. 2009-025

#### *Applicant*

Cindy Lee Van Dover, Duke University Marine Lab, 135 Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516.

#### *Activity for Which Permit Is Requested*

Take, Introduce Non-Indigenous Species into Antarctica, and Import into the USA. The applicant plans to collect sediment cores and seep invertebrates from the Larsen B embayment in order to (1) Characterize trophic relations between sediment bacteria, clams and other macro-invertebrates present in newly-discovered cold seeps; (2) provide a preliminary assessment of the genetic population structure of Larsen B cold seep clams; and (3) characterize the evolutionary relationship between Larsen B cold seep clams and other members of the family *Vesicomidae*. In addition, the applicant will deploy North Atlantic Right Whale vertebrae bones and pine wood substrate on eight moorings scattered through the Larsen B embayment. If time permits, invertebrates will be collected from the whale bone and wood substrates. During their second season, additional sediment cores will be collected as well as invertebrates, and the bone and wood moorings will be recovered.

#### *Location*

Larsen B Embayment, Antarctica.

#### *Dates*

January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012.

#### **Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) will hold a meeting on March 27, 2009, Room T-2-B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Friday, March 27, 2009—1 p.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will review example uses of the guidance on performance of sensitivity and uncertainty analyses described in NUREG-1855. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee. Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Harold VanderMolen (*Telephone*: 301-415-6236) 5 days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2008, (73FR 58268-58269).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: March 6, 2009.

#### **Cayetano Santos,**

*Chief, Reactor Safety Branch A, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-438 and 50-439; NRC-2009-0093]

### **In the Matter of Tennessee Valley Authority (Bellefonte Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2); Order**

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (predecessor to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission)) issued construction permit (CP) Nos. CPPR-122 and CPPR-123 to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the applicant) on December 24, 1974, authorizing construction of the Bellefonte Nuclear Plant (Bellefonte or

BLN) Units 1 and 2, respectively, at the applicant's site in Jackson County, AL, on a peninsula at Tennessee River Mile 392 on the west shore of Guntersville Reservoir, about 6 miles east northeast of Scottsboro, AL. On March 4, 2003, the NRC issued an Order amending CP Nos. CPPR-122 and CPPR-123 by revising the latest dates for completion of construction to October 1, 2011, for BLN Unit 1, and October 1, 2014, for BLN Unit 2.

On September 14, 2006, the NRC granted TVA its request to withdraw the CPs. Until the time of withdrawal, these facilities were in a deferred plant status as described in the Commission's Policy Statement on Deferred Plants, as published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1987 (52 FR 38077).

In a letter dated August 26, 2008, as supplemented on September 25, 2008, and on November 24, 2008, TVA has requested these CPs be reinstated.

The NRC staff has prepared an "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact," which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2009 (74 FR 9308). Under Title 10, Section 51.32, "Finding of No Significant Impact," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 51.32), the Commission has determined that reinstating the CPs and placing the facility in a terminated plant status will not have a significant impact on the environment.

For further details on this action, see the TVA application dated August 26, 2008, as supplemented on September 25, 2008, and on November 24, 2008, and the NRC staff's letter and safety evaluation related to the requested reinstatement of the CPs dated March 9, 2009. Documents may be examined and/or copied for a fee at the NRC's Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), and they are accessible through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Any person adversely affected by this Order may request a hearing on this Order within 60 days of its issuance, and the request for a hearing is limited to whether good cause exists for the reinstatement of the CPs. The NRC will consider extending the time to answer or to request a hearing where good cause is shown. A request for an extension of time must be directed to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and must include a statement of good cause for the extension. Requirements for hearing requests are found in 10 CFR 2.309,