

reinstatement focuses more specifically on the outcomes of the RDE program, and how alliances and researchers receiving NSF RDE funding have improved the academic environment for students with disabilities. This information collection will consist of an on-line data instrument that RDE awardees will use to submit annual data on their project activities and participants, as well as future evaluation activities.

*Use of the Information:* This information is required for effective administration, communication, program and project monitoring and evaluation, and for measuring attainment of NSF's program, project and strategic goals, as required by the President's Management agenda as represented by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) and the NSF's Strategic Plan. The Foundation's FY 2006–2011 Strategic Plan describes four strategic outcome goals of Discovery, Learning, Research Infrastructure, and Stewardship. NSF's complete strategic plan may be found at: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf0648](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0648). Data collected will be used for accountability purposes, including responding from queries from Committees of Visitors and other scientific experts, and for separate research and evaluation studies.

#### Estimate of Burden

*Respondents:* Principal Investigators and/or project staff receiving NSF RDE awards.

*Number of respondents:* 45.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1220 hours.

*Frequency of Responses:* Data will be collected from awardees annually, and on an as-needed basis for future evaluation work.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 17, 2009.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

##### Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

*Date/Time:* May 4, 2009, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 5, 2009, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Sue LaFratta, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8030.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities on the polar research community, to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long-range planning.

*Agenda:* Staff presentations and discussion on opportunities and challenges for polar research, education and infrastructure; strategic planning; and planning for Arctic and Antarctic Committees of Visitors.

Dated: March 18, 2009.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0042]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC invites public comment about our intention to request the OMB's approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is

summarized below. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 748, "National Source Tracking Transaction Report."

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0202.

3. *How often the collection is required:* Initially, at completion of a transaction, and at inventory reconciliation.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Licensees that manufacture, receive, transfer, disassemble, or dispose of nationally tracked sources.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1,350 (350 NRC Licensees + 1,000 Agreement State Licensees).

6. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 412 hours.

7. *Abstract:* In 2006, The NRC amended its regulations to implement a National Source Tracking System for certain sealed sources. The amendments require licensees to report certain transactions involving nationally tracked sources to the National Source Tracking System. These transactions include manufacture, transfer, receipt, disassembly, or disposal of the nationally tracked source. This information collection is mandatory and is used to populate the National Source Tracking System.

Submit, by May 22, 2009, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

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 F21, 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 submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying

or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. Comments submitted should reference Docket No. NRC-2009-0042. You may submit your comments by any of the following methods. Electronic comments: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. NRC-2009-0042. Mail comments to NRC Clearance Officer, Russell Nichols (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Russell Nichols (T-5 F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-6874, or by email to [INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Gregory Trussell,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-70; EA-09-042; NRC-2009-0124]

### In the Matter of Exelon Generation Company, LaSalle County Station, Independent Spent Fuel Installation, Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of order for implementation of additional security measures and fingerprinting for unescorted access to Exelon Generation Company, LLC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L. Raynard Wharton, Senior Project Manager, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 492-3316; fax number: (301) 492-3348; e-mail: [LRaynard.Wharton@nrc.gov](mailto:LRaynard.Wharton@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.106, NRC (or the Commission) is providing notice, in the

matter of LaSalle County Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately).

#### Further Information

##### I

NRC has issued a general license to Exelon Generating Company, LLC (Exelon), authorizing the operation of an ISFSI, in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 72. This Order is being issued to Exelon, which has identified near-term plans to store spent fuel in an ISFSI under the general license provisions of 10 CFR Part 72. The Commission's regulations at 10 CFR 72.212(b)(5) and 10 CFR 73.55(h)(1) require Exelon to maintain safeguards contingency plan procedures to respond to threats of radiological sabotage and to protect the spent fuel against the threat of radiological sabotage, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 73, Appendix C. Specific safeguards requirements are contained in 10 CFR 73.51 or 73.55, as applicable.

Inasmuch as an insider has an opportunity equal to, or greater than, any other person, to commit radiological sabotage, the Commission has determined these measures to be prudent. Comparable Orders have been issued to all licensees that currently store spent fuel or have identified near-term plans to store spent fuel in an ISFSI.

##### II

On September 11, 2001, terrorists simultaneously attacked targets in New York, NY, and Washington, DC, using large commercial aircraft as weapons. In response to the attacks and intelligence information subsequently obtained, the Commission issued a number of Safeguards and Threat Advisories to its licensees, to strengthen licensees' capabilities and readiness to respond to a potential attack on a nuclear facility. On October 16, 2002, the Commission issued Orders to the licensees of operating ISFSIs, to place the actions taken in response to the Advisories into the established regulatory framework and to implement additional security enhancements that emerged from NRC's ongoing comprehensive review. The Commission has also communicated with other Federal, State, and local government agencies and industry representatives to discuss and evaluate the current threat environment in order to assess the adequacy of security measures at licensed facilities. In addition, the Commission has

conducted a comprehensive review of its safeguards and security programs and requirements.

As a result of its consideration of current safeguards and security requirements, as well as a review of information provided by the intelligence community, the Commission has determined that certain additional security measures (ASMs) are required to address the current threat environment, in a consistent manner throughout the nuclear ISFSI community. Therefore, the Commission is imposing requirements, as set forth in Attachments 1 and 2 of this Order, on all licensees of these facilities. These requirements, which supplement existing regulatory requirements, will provide the Commission with reasonable assurance that the public health and safety, the environment, and common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect until the Commission determines otherwise.

The Commission recognizes that licensees may have already initiated many of the measures set forth in Attachments 1 and 2 to this Order, in response to previously issued advisories, or on their own. It also recognizes that some measures may not be possible or necessary at some sites, or may need to be tailored to accommodate the specific circumstances existing at Exelon's facility, to achieve the intended objectives and avoid any unforeseen effect on the safe storage of spent fuel.

Although the ASMs implemented by licensees in response to the Safeguards and Threat Advisories have been sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety, the Commission concludes that these actions must be supplemented further because the current threat environment continues to persist. Therefore, it is appropriate to require through an Order, certain ASMs, consistent with the established regulatory framework.

To provide assurance that licensees are implementing prudent measures to achieve a consistent level of protection to address the current threat environment, licenses issued pursuant to 10 CFR 72.210 shall be modified to include the requirements identified in Attachments 1 and 2 to this Order. In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that, in light of the common defense and security circumstances described above, the public health, safety, and interest require that this Order be effective immediately.