

Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. The permit was issued on February 28, 2012 to: Charles D. Amsler, Jr., Permit No. 2012-012.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Waste Regulation

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541; Code of Federal Regulations Title 45, Part 670). This is the required notice.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to the modification request on or before April 4, 2012. The permit modification request may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Polly A. Penhale, Environmental Officer, at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Lockheed Martin Corporation is in the phase-in period for assuming responsibility for the contract to provide operations support to the United States Antarctic Program. As part of that support, Lockheed Martin personnel will be assuming responsibility for waste management activities. Those activities are currently regulated under the terms of a permit held by the incumbent contractor, Raytheon Polar Services Company, Permit Number 2010 WM-004. Lockheed Martin has requested that the permit be transferred to them. The transfer would be effective on or about 1 April 2012, the date the new contract is anticipated to take effect. The transfer would modify the permit to change the permit holder from Raytheon Polar Services Company to Lockheed Martin Corporation, Information Systems & Global Solutions (I&GS) Engineering

Services Segment, 700 N. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-3328. All other permit conditions would remain the same.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2011-0250]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on November 28, 2011 (76 FR 72983).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.
2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 396, "Certification of Medical Examination by Facility Licensee."
3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0024.
4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 396.
5. *How often the collection is required:* Upon application for an initial or upgrade operator license or, every six years for the renewal of operator or senior operator license, and upon notices of disability.
6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Facility licensees who are tasked with certifying the medical fitness of an applicant or licensee.
7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 2,160.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 135 Facilities submitting initial and upgrade applications, renewals and disability forms.
9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the*

*requirement or request:* 1,215 hours (1,012.5 hours for reporting, and 202.5 hours for recordkeeping).

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 396 is used to transmit information to the NRC regarding the medical condition of applicants for initial operator licenses or renewal of operator licenses and for the maintenance of medical records for all licensed operators. The information is used to determine whether the physical condition and general health of applicants for operator licenses is such that the applicant would not be expected to cause operational errors and endanger public health and safety.

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the final supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's 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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 4, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Chad Whiteman, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0024), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be emailed to [Chad\\_S\\_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov) or submitted by telephone at (202) 395-4718.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Tremaine Donnell, (301) 415-6258.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Tremaine Donnell,**  
*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2012-0036]

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

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**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 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (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).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* Request to Non-Agreement States for Information.
2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0200.
3. *How often the collection is required:* 8 times per year.
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* The 15 Non-Agreement States (13 States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that have not signed Section 274(b) Agreements with NRC.).

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 15.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,089.

7. *Abstract:* Requests may be made of Non-Agreement States that are similar to those of Agreement States to provide a more complete overview of the national program for regulating radioactive materials. This information would be used in the decision-making of the Commission. With Agreement States and as part of the NRC cooperative post-agreement program with the States pursuant to Section 274(b), information on licensing and inspection practices, and/or incidents, and other technical and statistical information are exchanged. Therefore, information requests sought may take the form of surveys, e.g., telephonic and electronic surveys/polls and facsimiles.

Submit, by May 4, 2012, 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?

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the draft supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC's 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-2012-0036.

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-2012-0036. Mail comments to NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-6258, or by email to [INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV](mailto:INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Tremaine Donnell,**  
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2012-0034; Docket No. 50-400]**

### **Carolina Power & Light Company; Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1; Exemption**

#### **1.0 Background**

Carolina Power & Light Company, the licensee, doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas Inc., is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-63, which authorizes operation of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant (HNP), Unit 1. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is

subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect. The facility consists of one pressurized-water reactor (PWR) located in New Hill, North Carolina.

#### **2.0 Request/Action**

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 50.46, "Acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems for light-water nuclear power reactors," requires, among other items, that each boiling or pressurized light-water nuclear power reactor fueled with uranium oxide pellets within cylindrical zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding must be provided with an emergency core cooling system (ECCS) that must be designed so that its calculated cooling performance following postulated loss-of-coolant accidents (LOCAs) conforms to the criteria set forth in paragraph (b) of this section. Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50, "ECCS Evaluation Models," requires, among other items, that the rate of energy release, hydrogen generation, and cladding oxidation from the metal/water reaction shall be calculated using the Baker-Just equation. The regulations of 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix K, make no provisions for use of fuel rods clad in a material other than zircaloy or ZIRLO.

The licensee intends to load the M5™ cladding fuel assemblies into the core of HNP, Unit 1 during Refueling Outage 17, currently scheduled for spring 2012. The AREVA fuel design consists of low enriched uranium oxide fuel within M5™ zirconium alloy cladding. Since the chemical composition of the M5™ alloy differs from the specifications for zircaloy or ZIRLO, a plant-specific exemption is required to allow the use of the M5™ alloy as a cladding material or in other assembly structural components. Therefore, by letter dated January 19, 2011 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML110250473), the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 and Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50 in order to use the fuel rods clad with AREVA's M5™ alloy.

#### **3.0 Discussion**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 when (1) the exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and