

*Effective date:* This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days.

*Amendment No.:* 163.

*Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-16:* Amendment revised the Operating License and the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* September 1, 2011 (76 FR 54503).

The supplemental letters provided additional information that clarified the application and did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed and published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 24, 2012.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

*Nebraska Public Power District, Docket No. 50-298, Cooper Nuclear Station, Nemaha County, Nebraska*

*Date of amendment request:*

September 16, 2011, as supplemented by letters dated May 2, May 24, and September 17, 2012.

*Brief description of amendment:* The amendment revised the Cooper Nuclear Station Technical Specifications (TS) and Operating License to implement a 24-month fuel cycle and adopt TS Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-493, Revision 4, "Clarify Application of Setpoint Methodology for LSSS [Limiting Safety System Settings] Functions," Option A. Specifically, the amendment revised certain TS Surveillance Requirement frequencies that are specified as "18 months" by changing them to "24 months" in accordance with the guidance provided in NRC Generic Letter 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24-Month Fuel Cycle."

*Date of issuance:* September 28, 2012.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days of issuance.

*Amendment No.:* 242.

*Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-46:* Amendment revised the Facility Operating License and Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* March 6, 2012 (77 FR 13371).

The supplemental letters dated May 2, May 24, and September 17, 2012, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the staff's original proposed no significant hazards

consideration determination as published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 28, 2012.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

*NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC, Docket No. 50-331, Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC), Linn County, Iowa*

*Date of application for amendments:* May 1, 2012, as supplemented by letters dated June 27, 2012, and July 26, 2012.

*Brief description of amendments:* The amendment revises existing TS 3.3.5.1, on a one-time basis only, by adding a note to TS Table 3.3.5.1-1, Function 1d, Modes 4 and 5. This one-time license amendment enables DAEC to re-coat the internal surface of the Suppression Chamber during Refueling Outage 23.

*Date of issuance:* September 27, 2012.

*Effective date:* This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from date of issuance.

*Amendment No.:* 283.

*Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-49:* Amendment revised the Renewed Facility Operating License and Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* July 10, 2012 (77 FR 40654).

The licensee's June 27, 2012, and July 26, 2012, supplemental letters contained clarifying information, did not change the scope of the original amendment request, did not change the NRC staff's initial proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration determination, and did not expand the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 27, 2012.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* Yes.

*Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Hamilton County, Tennessee*

*Date of application for amendment:* June 17, 2011, supplemented by letters dated July 27, 2011, November 14, 2011, March 23, April 26, May 15, May 24, and June 26, 2012 (TS-SQN-2011-07).

*Brief description of amendment:* The amendments revised the licensing basis and the Technical Specifications (TSs) to permit the use of a more robust AREVA Advanced W17 high thermal performance fuel. This new fuel has been selected to address fuel assembly distortion and its resultant fuel-

handling issues. The AREVA Advanced W17 HTP fuel assembly design consists of standard uranium dioxide fuel pellets with gadolinium oxide burnable poison and M5™ cladding. The new fuel design ensures mechanical compatibility with the existing fuel, reactor core, control rods, steam supply system, and fuel-handling system. The transition from the existing fuel (AREVA Mark-BW) to new fuel is planned to occur over two refueling cycles for each unit.

*Date of issuance:* September 26, 2012.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented prior to startup from fall 2013 refueling outage (RFO) for Unit 1, and prior to startup from fall 2012 RFO for Unit 2.

*Amendment Nos.:* 331 and 324.

*Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79:* Amendments revised the License and TSs.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* August 23, 2011 (76 FR 52703). The supplement letters dated July 27, 2011, November 14, 2011, March 23, April 26, May 15, May 24, and June 26, 2012, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 26, 2012.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of October 2012.

**Michele G. Evans,**

*Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0240]

### Proposed Revision to Emergency Action Level Development Guidance Document

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is making available for comment a

proposed revision to the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) 99-01, proposed Revision 6, "Development of Emergency Action Levels for Non-Passive Reactors," dated September 2012. This document is intended to be used by the industry in the development of an emergency action level (EAL) scheme. The NRC is publishing this proposed revision to inform the public and solicit comments.

**DATES:** Submit comments by November 15, 2012. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publically available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2012-0240. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0240. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Don A. Johnson, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4040 or by email at: [Don.Johnson@nrc.gov](mailto:Don.Johnson@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments**

##### *A. Accessing Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0240 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0240.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The proposed revision to NEI 99-01 is under ADAMS Accession No. ML12257A236.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

##### *B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC-2012-0240 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will posts all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

##### **II. Further Information**

The NRC is requesting comment on this proposed revision to NEI 99-01. This document is intended to provide guidance to licensees in the development of a comprehensive EAL scheme using site-specific information.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of October 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mark Thaggard,**

*Deputy Director for Emergency Preparedness, Division of Preparedness and Response, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response.*

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#### **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

##### **Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from August 1, 2012, to August 31, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Senior Executive Resources Services, Executive Resources and Employee Development, Employee Services, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). OPM also publishes annually a consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B and C appointing authorities current as of June 30 as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

##### **Schedule A**

Schedule A authorities to report during August 2012.

*06. Department of Defense, (Sch. A, 213.3106)*

(b) Entire Department (including the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force)—

(10) Temporary or time-limited positions in direct support of U.S. Government efforts to rebuild and create an independent, free and secure Iraq and Afghanistan. This authority may only be used when no other appropriate appointing authority applies. In general, the duties of these positions must be performed in Iraq or Afghanistan. No new appointments may be made under this authority after October 1, 2014.