

### III. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 30, 2019.

**Loren Sweatt,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register**, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. The full submission may be found at: <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by July 5, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725 17th Street NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, and Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703–292–7556.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to the points of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Title of Collection:* Grantee Reporting Requirements for Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs).

*OMB Number:* 3145–0230.

*Overview of this Information Collection:*

The Materials Research Science and Engineering Centers (MRSECs) Program supports innovation in interdisciplinary research, education, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. MRSECs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

MRSECs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. MRSECs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

MRSECs are required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which are used as a basis for

performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, MRSECs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via the Research Performance Project Reporting module in *Research.gov* and an external technical assistance contractor that collects programmatic data electronically. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the MRSEC effort. Such reporting requirements are included in the cooperative agreement that is binding between the academic institution and NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) shared experimental facilities, (6) diversity, (7) management, and (8) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

MRSECs are required to file a final report through the RPPR and external technical assistance contractor. Final reports contain similar information and metrics as annual reports, effectively they constitute the last annual report; the Program Officer maintains a cumulative database with all relevant achievements and metrics.

*Use of the Information:* NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

*Estimate of Burden:* 80 hours per center for 20 centers for a total of 1,600 hours.

*Respondents:* Non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Report:* One from each of the 20 MRSECs.

Dated: May 31, 2019.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026; NRC-2008-0252]

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company Inc; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption from the requirements of the Commission's regulations that require a written examination and operating test to be requested and administered to 11 operator license applicants at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Unit 3 in response to a December 20, 2018, request from Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC). The NRC is giving these 11 applicants credit for the written examination and operating test they took and passed after they applied for a license to operate Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Unit 2.

**DATES:** This exemption was issued on June 5, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0252 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0252. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):*

- You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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 (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The request for the exemption was submitted by letter dated December 20, 2018 and is available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML19030A226. The request was supplemented by letter dated March 4, 2019, and April 16, 2019 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML19063B575 and ML19121A504, respectively).

- *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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chandu Patel, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3025; email: [Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov](mailto:Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, MEAG Power SPVM, LLC, MEAG Power SPVJ, LLC, MEAG Power SPVP, LLC, and the City of Dalton, Georgia (collectively SNC) are the holders of facility Combined License (COL) Nos. NFP-91 and NFP-92, which authorize the construction and operation of VEGP Units 3 and 4. The COLs, issued under part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), provide, among other things, that the facilities are subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the NRC or the Commission now or hereafter in effect. The facilities consist of two Westinghouse Electric Company (Westinghouse) AP1000 pressurized-water reactors (PWRs) located in Burke County, Georgia.

Appendix D of 10 CFR part 52, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design," constitutes the standard design certification for the Westinghouse AP1000 design, in accordance with 10 CFR part 52, subpart B. "Standard design" is defined in 10 CFR 52.1 as, "a design which is sufficiently detailed and complete to support certification or approval in accordance with subpart B or E of this part, and which is usable for a multiple number of units or at a multiple number of sites without reopening or repeating the review."

Like VEGP Units 3 and 4, VCSNS Units 2 and 3 were also Westinghouse AP1000 PWRs under construction. The COLs for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 were

issued to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper). After construction of VCSNS Units 2 and 3 ceased in July 2017, SNC hired 11 former VCSNS Unit 2 operator license applicants who had previously passed both an NRC written examination and an operating test for VCSNS Unit 2. These 11 applicants each received a notification letter (*i.e.*, a "pass letter") from the NRC following their satisfactory completion of the written examination and operating test for VCSNS Unit 2. NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," Revision 11, Section ES-501, "Initial Post-Examination Activities," explains the purpose of the notification letter as follows:

*A Notification Letter* is issued if an applicant has passed the requisite written examination and operating test in accordance with 10 CFR 55.41 and 55.45 or 55.43 and 55.45, and the applicant's general medical condition meets the minimum standards under 10 CFR 55.33(a)(1) or may be accommodated with appropriate conditions under 10 CFR 55.33(b), but the applicant has not to-date completed all the elements of 10 CFR 55.31. This letter notifies the applicant that his or her license will be issued when the incomplete (deferred) items are resolved. The regional office will issue a license when the applicant and/or facility licensee, as appropriate, completes the deferred items.

Construction of VCSNS Units 2 and 3 ceased before the 11 former VCSNS Unit 2 operator license applicants completed all of the requirements in 10 CFR 55.31, and therefore they did not receive licenses to operate VCSNS Unit 2.

#### II. Request/Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 55.11, "Specific exemptions," by letter dated December 20, 2018, as supplemented by letters dated March 4, 2019, and April 16, 2019, SNC requested an exemption from the requirements in 10 CFR 55.31(a)(3) and 10 CFR 55.33(a)(2) on the behalf of the 11 former VCSNS Unit 2 operator license applicants that SNC hired following cessation of construction of VCSNS Units 2 and 3. SNC also requested on the behalf of these 11 applicants that their pass letters for VCSNS Unit 2 be transferred to VEGP Unit 3. Enclosure 1 of the December 20, 2018, letter contains SNC's justification for the requested exemptions. Enclosure 2 of the April 16, 2019, letter identifies the 11 former VCSNS Unit 2 reactor operator license applicants by name and docket number.

10 CFR 55.31(a)(3) requires each applicant for an operator's license to submit a written request that the written examination and operating test be