

For these reasons, the NRC staff determined that under the requested exemption, the storage system will continue to meet the safety requirements of 10 CFR part 72 and the offsite dose limits of 10 CFR part 20 and, therefore, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security.

### *C. The Exemption Is Otherwise in the Public Interest*

The proposed exemption would allow Susquehanna to load six new MPC-89-CBS in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System beginning in August 2024, at the SSES ISFSI, even though the CBS variant basket design is not part of the approved CoC No. 1032, Amendment No. 5. According to Susquehanna, the exemption is in the public interest because not being able to load fuel into dry storage in the future loading campaign would adversely impact Susquehanna's ability to maintain full core offload capability, consequently increasing risk and challenges to continued safe reactor operation.

Susquehanna stated that to delay the future loading would impact the ability to maintain a healthy margin in the spent fuel pools in support of a full core discharge for one reactor unit with a goal of providing a full core discharge for both reactor units. Susquehanna also stated that the inability to utilize the MPC-89 canister containing the CBS basket in the 2024 Spent Fuel Storage campaign significantly impacts the ability to effectively manage margin for full core discharge capability, because margin reduction results in increased inventory in the spent fuel pool that would likely require additional fuel moves and an increased reactivity management risk due to increased fuel handling operations. Additionally, Susquehanna notes that there are logistical concerns that the availability of the specialized equipment and personnel resources, which are secured years in advance of scheduled campaigns, would have a cascading impact on all other scheduled activities that utilize these specialized resources. Any delay would lead to a reduction in the margin to capacity in the spent fuel pool. Once the spent fuel pool capacity is reached, the ability to refuel the operating reactor is limited, thus affecting continued reactor operations.

For the reasons described by Susquehanna in the exemption request, the NRC agrees that it is in the public interest to grant the exemption. If the exemption is not granted, to comply with the CoC, SSES would have to keep spent fuel in the spent fuel pool if it is not permitted to be loaded into casks in

a future loading, thus impacting Susquehanna's ability to effectively manage the margin for full core discharge capacity. As explained by Susquehanna, increased inventory of fuel in the spent fuel pool could result in the need for additional fuel moves and, therefore, an increase in worker doses and the potential for fuel handling accidents that accompany increased fuel handling operations. Moreover, should spent fuel pool capacity be reached, the ability to refuel an operating reactor unit is challenged, thus potentially impacting continued reactor operations.

Therefore, the staff concludes that approving the exemption is in the public interest.

### Environmental Consideration

The NRC staff also considered whether there would be any significant environmental impacts associated with the exemption. For this proposed action, the NRC staff performed an environmental assessment pursuant to 10 CFR 51.30. The environmental assessment concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. The NRC staff concluded that the proposed action would not result in any changes in the types or amounts of any radiological or non-radiological effluents that may be released offsite, and there would be no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure because of the proposed action. The environmental assessment and the finding of no significant impact was published on April 22, 2024 (89 FR 29369).

### IV. Conclusion

Based on these considerations, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the NRC grants Susquehanna an exemption from the requirements of §§ 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214 with respect to the future loading in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System of six new MPC-89-CBS beginning in August 2024.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD**

### **Board Meeting**

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a hybrid (in-person/virtual) public meeting on May 21–22, 2024.

*Board meeting: May 21–22, 2024—The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a hybrid (in-person/virtual) public meeting in Knoxville, TN, to review information on the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) research and development (R&D) activities (a) related to non-site-specific disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in crystalline host rocks and (b) on corrosion of commercial SNF after disposal.*

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act (NWPAA) of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting in Knoxville, TN, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, and Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to review information on the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) research and development (R&D) activities (a) related to non-site-specific disposal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste (HLW) in crystalline host rocks and (b) on corrosion of commercial SNF after disposal.

The hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting will be held at the Hilton Downtown Knoxville Hotel at 501 West Church Avenue in Knoxville, Tennessee. The hotel telephone number is 865-523-2300. The hotel website is <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/knxkhhf-hilton-knoxville/>. On Tuesday, May 21, the meeting will begin at 80 a.m. eastern daylight time (EDT) and is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. EDT. On Wednesday, May 22, the hybrid meeting will begin at 8 a.m. EDT and conclude at 12 p.m. EDT. On the first day, the initial speakers will provide an overview of DOE's SNF and HLW disposal research programs. Additional speakers representing the national laboratories conducting the work for DOE will report on R&D activities to advance the understanding of long-term waste disposal in crystalline rocks. They will also discuss

R&D efforts related to the corrosion of commercial SNF. This includes the development of a corrosion model capable of accounting for complex physical and chemical processes for a wide range of repository conditions. Speakers from Finland and Canada will present information on their countries' disposal programs. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Board's website at [www.nwtrb.gov](http://www.nwtrb.gov) approximately one week before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public, and there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting each day. Those attending the meeting in person and wishing to provide oral comments are encouraged to sign-in using the Public Comment Register at the check-in table near the entrance to the meeting room. Oral commenters will be taken in the order in which they signed in. Public comments may also be submitted during the meeting via the online meeting viewing platform, using the "Comment for the Record" form. Comments submitted online during the day of the meeting may be read into the record by Board staff during the public comment period if time allows. Depending on the number of speakers and online comments, a time limit on individual remarks may be set. Written comments of any length may be submitted to the Board staff by mail or electronic mail. Comments received in writing will be included in the meeting record, which will be posted on the Board's website. An archived recording of the meeting will be available on the Board's website following the meeting, and a transcript of the meeting will be available on the website by July 31, 2024.

The Board is an independent federal agency in the Executive Branch. It was established in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203) to perform ongoing evaluation of the technical and scientific validity of U.S. Department of Energy activities related to developing and implementing a program for the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, in accordance with the terms of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. Board members serve part-time and are appointed by the President from a list of nominees submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board reports its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. Board reports, correspondence, congressional testimony, meeting transcripts, and related materials are posted on the Board's website.

For information regarding the meeting, contact Mr. Christopher Burk at [burk@nwtrb.gov](mailto:burk@nwtrb.gov), or by phone at 703-235-4486, or Ms. Chandrika Manepally at [manepally@nwtrb.gov](mailto:manepally@nwtrb.gov), or by phone at 703-235-4489. For information on meeting logistics, contact Davonya Barnes at [barnes@nwtrb.gov](mailto:barnes@nwtrb.gov), or by phone at 703-235-9141. All three may be reached by mail at 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22201-3367; or by fax at 703-235-4495.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for Review: 3206-0228, CSRS/FERS Documentation in Support of Disability Retirement Application, Standard Form 3112

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Retirement Services, offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on an expiring information collection request (ICR): CSRS/FERS Documentation in Support of Disability Retirement Application, Standard Form 3112.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to: [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316-L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to [Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov](mailto:Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov) or faxed to (202) 606-0910 or via telephone at (202) 936-0401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206-0228) was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 3, 2023, at 88 FR 27931, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Standard Form 3112, CSRS/FERS Documentation in Support of Disability Retirement Application, collects information from applicants for disability retirement so that OPM can determine whether to approve a disability retirement under 5 U.S.C. 8337 and 8455. The applicant will only complete Standard Form 3112A and 3112C. The applicant must obtain information from a physician as part of Standard Form 3112C. Standard Forms 3112B, 3112D and 3112E will be completed by the immediate supervisor and the employing agency of the applicant.

### Analysis

**Agency:** Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

**Title:** CSRS/FERS Documentation in Support of Disability Retirement.

**OMB Number:** 3206-0228.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Number of Respondents:** 36,300 total respondents [12,100 (SF 3112A), 12,100 (SF 3112B) and 12,100 (SF 3112C)].

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 30 minutes (SF 3112A) and 60 minutes (SF 3112C).