

OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, grant recipients are required to maintain adequate accounting controls and systems in managing and administering Federal funds. Some of the recipients of grants from the NHPRC have proven to have limited experience with managing Federal funds. This questionnaire is designed to identify those potential recipients and provide appropriate training or additional safeguards for Federal funds. Additionally, the questionnaire serves as a pre-audit function in identifying potential deficiencies and minimizing the risk of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement, which we use in lieu of a more costly and time consuming formal pre-award audit.

**Sheena Burrell,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

The National Science Board's Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F) hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act.

**TIME AND DATE:** The A&F meeting sessions will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. The open session will be from 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. The closed session will be from 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** The meetings will be held at NSF headquarters, 2145 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22314, and by videoconference.

**STATUS:** One session is open, and one session is closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*A&F open session agenda:* Opening Remarks; Information Item: Antarctic Science and Engineering Support Contract Update.

*A&F closed session agenda:* Opening Remarks; Antarctic Infrastructure Update.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Point of contact for this meeting is: Michelle McCrackin, [mmccrack@nsf.gov](mailto:mmccrack@nsf.gov), (703) 292-7000. Members of the public can observe the public portion of this meeting through a YouTube livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/nRd-qP053w4?feature=share>. Meeting

information and updates may be found at [www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb).

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50-390, 50-391, and 72-1048; NRC-2024-0118]**

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued an exemption in response to a request dated September 28, 2023, as supplemented by letter dated March 14, 2024, from Tennessee Valley Authority related to the use of a locked door or gate with a monitored alarm at the access control point to radioactive waste that contains category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, site.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0118 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-2024-0118. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@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 <https://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, at 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.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the exemption is attached.

Dated: July 16, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### Attachment—Exemption.

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50-390, 50-391, and 72-1048; NRC-2024-0118]**

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

#### I. Background

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-90 and NPF-96, and General License No. 72-1048, for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, and an independent spent fuel storage installation (Watts Bar site), respectively, located in Rhea County, Tennessee. The operating licenses are subject to all applicable provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, and to the rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

#### II. Request/Action

By letter dated September 28, 2023 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML23271A063), as supplemented on March 14, 2024 (ML24074A457), TVA requested an exemption from the requirement in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), part 37, paragraph 37.11(c)(2) to use a locked door or gate at the access control point to where radioactive waste

that contains category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material is stored.

The provisions of 10 CFR part 37 establish physical security requirements to prevent the theft or diversion of risk-significant radioactive materials (*i.e.*, category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material). As stated in NUREG-2155, Rev. 2, "Implementation Guidance for 10 CFR part 37, 'Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material'" (ML22083A141), 10 CFR 37.11 exempts radioactive wastes that contain category 2 quantities or greater of radioactive material from the security requirements in subparts B, C, and D of 10 CFR part 37. Instead, the radioactive waste is subject to the requirements in 10 CFR 37.11(c)(1) through (c)(4). The regulation at 10 CFR 37.11(c)(2) requires that the licensee secure the radioactive waste by a locked door or gate with monitored alarm at the access control point.

The Watts Bar site includes old steam generator storage facilities (OSGSFs) that are used to store the contaminated old steam generators (OSGs). The OSGs exceed the threshold for a category 2 quantity of radioactivity, as defined in 10 CFR 37.5, but do not contain discrete radioactive sources, ion-exchange resins, or activated materials that weigh less than 2,000 kilograms (4,409 pounds), as described in 10 CFR 37.11(c). As such, the licensee is required by 10 CFR 37.11(c)(2) to have a monitored alarm at the access control point to the OSGSFs where the OSGs are stored.

TVA describes the OSGSFs as robust structures that are closed with 10 stacked precast concrete panels weighing approximately 17,237 kilograms (38,000 pounds) each. The OSGSFs are located outside the Watts Bar protected area, but within the exclusion area and site boundary. Removal of the concrete panels is the only access point of sufficient size to remove an OSG and requires heavy lifting and rigging equipment that cannot be staged or utilized quickly. Removal of the concrete panels is an evolution that is easily observable over an extended period of time.

TVA has requested a permanent exemption from the requirement in 10 CFR 37.11(c)(2) to address a regulatory noncompliance that has resulted in the issuance of minor violations at the Watts Bar site.

### III. Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 37.11(a), the Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own

initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in 10 CFR part 37 as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.

#### A. The Exemption Is Authorized by Law

The exemption would exempt the licensee from the requirement to have a monitored alarm at the access control point to the OSGSFs where the OSGs are stored. As stated previously, 10 CFR 37.11(a) allows the NRC to grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 37. The NRC staff has determined that granting of the exemption is permissible under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and other regulatory requirements. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

#### B. The Exemption Will Not Endanger Life or Property or the Common Defense and Security

The purpose of 10 CFR part 37 is to provide reasonable assurance of the security of category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material by protecting these materials from theft or diversion. As required by 10 CFR 37.11, each licensee that possesses radioactive waste that contains category 1 or category 2 quantity of radioactive material shall implement the following requirements to secure the radioactive waste: (1) use continuous physical barriers that allow access to the radioactive waste only through established access control points; (2) use a locked door or gate with monitored alarm at the access control point; (3) assess and respond to each actual or attempted unauthorized access to determine whether an actual or attempted theft, sabotage, or diversion occurred; and (4) immediately notify the local law enforcement agency (LLEA) and request an armed response from the LLEA upon determination that there was an actual or attempted theft, sabotage, or diversion of the radioactive waste that contains category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material.

After issuance of the final part 37 rule, the NRC issued Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) 2014-001, "Interim Guidance for Dispositioning 10 CFR part 37 Violations with Respect to Large Components or Robust Structures Containing Category 1 or Category 2 Quantities of Material at Power Reactor Facilities Licensed Under 10 CFR parts 50 and 52" (ML14056A151), on March 13, 2014, to provide guidance to NRC

staff for dispositioning violations associated with 10 CFR part 37 with respect to large components containing category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material stored in robust structures at power reactor facilities licensed under 10 CFR parts 50 and 52. The EGM acknowledges that due to their size and weight, these large components are not easily moved without cranes, rigging, and heavy equipment. In addition, these large components are not easily concealed during loading or when they are in motion, and the amount of time required to steal or divert these large components is such that it is reasonable to expect that the licensee would detect these activities.

TVA has a written 10 CFR part 37 security plan for Watts Bar that identifies the OSGs as large components and the OSGSFs as robust structures containing category 1 or category 2 quantities of radioactive material. The plan also identifies the security measures that are adequate to detect, assess, and respond to actual or attempted theft or diversion of stored materials from the OSGSFs. TVA provided a written analysis that considers the time needed to accomplish these activities given the proximity and mobility of the equipment available for the large components and robust structures supporting the 10 CFR part 37 security plan. TVA also provided a written analysis documenting that the measures for the protection of large components or robust structures containing category 1 or category 2 quantities of material do not decrease the effectiveness of the 10 CFR part 73 security plan.

Because TVA has a security plan that contains measures to control access to the radioactive waste, assess and respond to unauthorized access, and notify and request an armed response by the LLEA, the NRC finds that the exemption will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security.

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

TVA stated that the exemption would preclude the expenditure of resources that provide no additional security and protection for the OSGs. Granting of the exemption would also allow TVA to address a regulatory noncompliance and avoid future violations.

As noted previously, the OSGs are large components that are stored in robust structures that would require the use of heavy lifting and rigging equipment that cannot be staged or utilized quickly. Requiring the use of a

locked door or gate with monitored alarm at the access control point is supplanted by the licensee's security plan which utilizes other means to detect unauthorized access, while the exemption would reduce the regulatory burden on the licensee and the NRC staff. Therefore, the NRC staff concludes that the exemption is in the public interest.

#### IV. Environmental Considerations

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32, and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact regarding this exemption request was published in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2024 (89 FR 53665). Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has determined that issuance of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

#### V. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 37.11(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is in the public interest.

Dated: July 15, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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Bo Pham,  
Director, Division of Operating Reactor  
Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor  
Regulation.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2023-0160]

### Information Collection: Voluntary Reporting of Performance Indicators

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of submission to the  
Office of Management and Budget;  
request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission (NRC) has recently  
submitted a request for renewal of an  
existing collection of information to the  
Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) for review. The information  
collection is entitled, "Voluntary  
Reporting of Performance Indicators."

**DATES:** Submit comments by August 19,  
2024. Comments received after this date  
will be considered if it is practical to do  
so, but the Commission is able to ensure  
consideration only for comments  
received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be sent  
within 30 days of publication of this  
notice to [https://www.reginfo.gov/  
public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this  
particular information collection by  
selecting "Currently under Review—  
Open for Public Comments" or by using  
the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone:  
301-415-2084; email:  
[Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-  
0160 when contacting the NRC about  
the availability of information for this  
action. You may obtain publicly  
available information related to this  
action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2023-0160.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at [https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/  
adams.html](https://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, at 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML19025A257. The supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML24071A201.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone:

301-415-2084; email:  
[Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

###### B. Submitting Comments

Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be sent  
within 30 days of publication of this  
notice to [https://www.reginfo.gov/  
public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this  
particular information collection by  
selecting "Currently under Review—  
Open for Public Comments" or by using  
the search function.

The NRC cautions you not to include  
identifying or contact information in  
comment submissions that you do not  
want to be publicly disclosed in your  
comment submission. All comment  
submissions are posted at [https://  
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and entered into  
ADAMS. Comment submissions are not  
routinely edited to remove identifying  
or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating  
comments from other persons for  
submission to the OMB, 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 comment submissions are not  
routinely edited to remove such  
information before making the comment  
submissions available to the public or  
entering the comment into ADAMS.

##### II. Background

Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. chapter 35), the NRC recently  
submitted a request for renewal of an  
existing collection of information to  
OMB for review entitled, "Voluntary  
Reporting of Performance Indicators."  
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  
March 5, 2024, 89 FR 15903.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Voluntary Reporting of Performance Indicators.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0195.
3. *Type of submission:* Revision.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Quarterly for Performance Indicator reporting and, on occasion, for the Frequently Asked Question process.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Power reactor licensees.