

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50-313, 50-368, 50-483, 50-317, 50-318, 50-315, 50-316, 50-416, 50-266,
50-301, 50-498, 50-499, NRC-2020-0110]**

**Issuance of Multiple Exemptions in Response to COVID-19
Public Health Emergency**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemptions; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued seven exemptions in response to requests from six licensees. The exemptions afford these licensees temporary relief from certain requirements under NRC regulations. The exemptions are in response to the licensees' requests for relief due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE). The NRC is issuing a single notice to announce the issuance of the exemptions.

DATES: During the period from October 6, 2020, to October 26, 2020, the NRC granted seven exemptions in response to requests submitted by licensees from July 13, 2020, to October 8, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2020-0110** 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 Web Site:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2020-0110**. Address questions about NRC Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

During the period from October 6, 2020, to October 26, 2020, the NRC granted seven exemptions in response to requests submitted by licensees from July 13, 2020, to October 8, 2020. These exemptions temporarily allow the licensees to deviate from certain requirements (as cited below) of various parts of chapter I of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

The exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 26, “Fitness for Duty Programs,” for Indiana Michigan Power Company (for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2), and NextEra Energy Point Beach, LLC (for Point Beach Nuclear

Plant, Units 1 and 2), afford these licensees temporary relief from the work-hour controls under 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7). The exemptions from 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7) ensure that the control of work hours and management of worker fatigue do not unduly limit licensee flexibility in using personnel resources to most effectively manage the impacts of the COVID-19 PHE on maintaining the safe operation of these facilities. Specifically, these licensees have stated that their staffing levels are affected or are expected to be affected by the COVID-19 PHE, and they can no longer meet or likely will not meet the work-hour controls of 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1) through (d)(7). These licensees have committed to effecting site-specific administrative controls for COVID-19 PHE fatigue-management for personnel specified in 10 CFR 26.4(a).

The exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, “Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities,” section IV.F., “Training,” for Entergy Operations, Inc. (for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2), and STP Nuclear Operating Company (for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2), grant temporary exemptions from the biennial emergency preparedness exercise requirement. The exemptions allow a temporary exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, regarding the conduct of the biennial emergency preparedness exercise. These exemptions will not adversely affect the emergency response capability of the facilities because affected licensee personnel are currently qualified, and the licensees’ proposed compensatory measures will enable their staff to maintain their knowledge, skills, and abilities without the conduct of the biennial emergency preparedness exercise during the exemption term.

The exemptions from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 73, appendix B, “General Criteria for Security Personnel,” section VI., “Nuclear Power Reactor Training and Qualification Plan for Personnel Performing Security Program Duties,” for Union

Electric Company (for Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1); for Exelon Generation Company, LLC (for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2); and Entergy Operations, Inc. (for Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1), afford these licensees temporary exemptions from certain requirements. The exemptions will help to ensure that these regulatory requirements do not unduly limit licensee flexibility in using personnel resources in a manner that most effectively manages the impacts of the COVID-19 PHE on maintaining the safe and secure operation of these facilities and the implementation of the licensees' NRC-approved security plans, protective strategy, and implementing procedures. These licensees have committed to certain security measures to ensure response readiness and for their security personnel to maintain performance capability.

The NRC is providing compiled tables of exemptions using a single *Federal Register* notice for COVID-19-related exemptions instead of issuing individual *Federal Register* notices for each exemption. The compiled tables below provide transparency regarding the number and type of exemptions the NRC has issued. Additionally, the NRC publishes tables of approved regulatory actions related to the COVID-19 PHE on its public Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/covid-19/reactors/licensing-actions.html>.

II. Availability of Documents

The tables below provide the facility name, docket number, document description, and ADAMS accession number for each exemption issued. Additional details on each exemption issued, including the exemption request submitted by the respective licensee and the NRC's decision, are provided in each exemption approval listed in the tables below. For additional directions on accessing information in ADAMS, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

**Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 - Request for One-Time Exemption from 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, Biennial Emergency Preparedness Evaluated Exercise Requirements due to COVID-19 Pandemic, dated July 13, 2020	ML20195A397
Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 - Response to Request for Additional Information Related to Request from Certain Emergency Preparedness and Planning Requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, dated September 1, 2020	ML20255A117
Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 - Enclosure: Response to Request for Additional Information related to Exemption Request from certain Emergency Preparedness Requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, dated September 1, 2020	ML20255A118
Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 - Temporary Exemption from Biennial Emergency Preparedness Exercise Frequency Requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, sections IV.F.2.b and IV.F.2.c (EPID L-2020-LLE-0113 [COVID-19]), dated October 6, 2020	ML20265A057

**Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1
Docket No. 50-483**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Callaway Plant Unit 1 - Security Training Exemption Request due to COVID-19, dated September 3, 2020	ML20247J644
Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1 - Additional Information Regarding Security Training Exemption Request due to COVID-19, dated September 18, 2020	non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390
Callaway Plant, Unit No. 1 - Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel," section VI (EPID L 2020 LLE 0140 [COVID-19]), dated October 20, 2020	ML20268A189

**Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-317 and 50-318**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Request for Exemption from Certain 10 CFR part 73 Training Requirements due to COVID-19 PHE, dated September 8, 2020	non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel," section VI (EPID L-2020-LLE-0141 [COVID-19]), dated October 9, 2020	ML20264E689

**Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units Nos. 1 and 2 - Request for a One-Time Exemption from 10 CFR 26.205(d) due to COVID-19 Pandemic, dated October 8, 2020	ML20283A381
Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 26 (EPID L-2020-LLE-0161) [COVID-19]), dated October 9, 2020	ML20283A263

**Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 - Temporary Exemption Request from 10 CFR part 73, appendix B, section VI, Requirements for Force-on-Force Exercises due to COVID-19 Pandemic, dated September 17, 2020	non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390
Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 - Exemption From Certain Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel," section VI (EPID L-2020-LLE-0147 [COVID-19]), dated October 19, 2020	ML20266G289

**Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption to 10 CFR part 26, Work Hour Controls, dated October 6, 2020	ML20280A621
Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Response to Request for Additional Information Extension of Exemption from Certain 10 CFR part 26 Requirements, dated October 8, 2020	ML20282A706
Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Extension of Exemption from Specific Requirements of 10 CFR part 26 (EPID L-2020-LLE-0159 [COVID-19]), dated October 15, 2020	ML20282A332

**South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption Request from 10 CFR part 50 appendix E, due to COVID-19 Pandemic, dated August 11, 2020	ML20224A211
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Supplement to Exemption Request from 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, due to COVID-19 Pandemic, dated September 10, 2020	ML20254A217
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Temporary Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, Emergency Planning And Preparedness For Production and Utilization Facilities, Sections IV.F.2.b AND IV.F.2.c (EPID L-2020-LLE-0133), dated October 26, 2020	ML20279A531

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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