

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY
ACCEPTANCE FOR DOCKETING OF AN APPLICATION FOR
U. S. ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR DESIGN CERTIFICATION
RULE AMENDMENT
DOCKET NO. 52-001
[NRC-2009-0523]

On June 30, 2009, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) received an application from South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 52, for the approval of the application to amend the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) design certification rule (DCR). This amendment is to meet the aircraft impact assessment requirements in 10 CFR 50.150. The application is considered sufficiently complete to be accepted formally as a docketed application. The docket number established for this application is 52-001. A notice related to the rulemaking pursuant to 10 CFR 52.51 for design certification, including provisions for participation of the public and other parties, will be published in the future.

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of this DCR amendment application. Docketing this application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 23rd day of November

FOR THE U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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