

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKETS NOS. 50-317 AND 50-318BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANYNOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO
FACILITIES SPENT FUEL STORAGE POOL

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the approval of a modification to the spent fuel storage pool of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Units Nos. 1 and 2 (the facilities), pressurized water reactors located in Calvert County, Maryland, and currently authorized for operation at power levels up to 2700 Mwt per unit.

The two facilities share a common pool that is divided in two sections and connected by a transfer canal. The existing racks in the Unit No. 2 side of the pool were modified in 1977 to have a capacity for storage of 528 fuel assemblies and the racks in the Unit No. 1 side have the original design capacity for storage of 200 fuel assemblies. The proposed modification being considered involves replacement of the existing racks in the Unit No. 1 (North) side of the spent fuel pool of the facilities with high density racks of a design capable of accommodating up to 840 fuel assemblies and interchangeable storage of one facility's fuel in the other facility's side of the two-section pool. The proposed modification and subsequent use of the two-section pool would permit a total of 1,368 fuel assemblies to be stored in lieu of the current 728 assemblies. The modification will require changes to the facilities Technical Specifications and issuance of a license amendment for each facility.

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Prior to approval of the proposed modification and license amendments authorizing use of the modified pool, the Commission will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations.

By SEPTEMBER 8 1979 , the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating licenses and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR §2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding

as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend his petition, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, the petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter, and the bases for each contention set forth with reasonable specificity. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Section, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner or representative for the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at (800) 325-6000 (in Missouri (800) 342-6700) the Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number 3737 and the following message addressed to Robert W. Reid: (petitioner's name and telephone number); (date petition was mailed); (plant name); and (publication date and page number of this FEDERAL

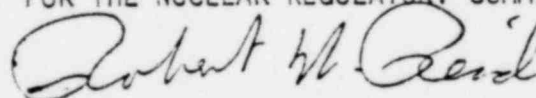
REGISTER notice). A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, and to James A. Biddison, Jr., General Counsel, G and E Building, Charles Center, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated to rule on the petition and/or request, that the petitioner has made a substantial showing of good cause for the granting of a late petition and/or request. That determination will be based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR §2.714(a)(i)-(v) and §2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 3, 1979, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and at the Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 30th day of July 1979.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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