

However, as all operating reactors experience this evolution, this risk is balanced by ensuring that Operations personnel are fit for duty and have reliable human performance to perform the intensive and complex work necessary for startup activities and to mitigate the potential for an accident during startup. In order to ensure Operations personnel are fit for duty and have reliable human performance prior to the startup activities, the licensee confirmed in their RCI response that Operations personnel have not and will not work more than 54 hours per week and will receive a 34-hour break in the nine-day period before commencing core load activities.

The NRC staff evaluated the unique nature of the Palisades restart project, the previous work hours and breaks for Operations personnel, the mitigating strategy and commitments, and RAI responses against the balance of public interest considerations. The NRC determined that providing an exemption to permit individuals performing duties in 26.4(a)(1) to use the outage work hour controls in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(4) for up to a 60 day period commencing with core load would be in the public interest. Therefore, the NRC staff finds that approval of the requested exemption is otherwise in the public interest.

E. Environmental Considerations

This action relates to changes to scheduling requirements. The NRC staff has determined that any ground disturbance is limited to previously disturbed areas. Additionally, the NRC staff has determined that the action involves no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure, and no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. Finally, the NRC staff has determined that a categorical exclusion applies and that special circumstances under 10 CFR 51.22, "Categorical exclusions," are not present that would preclude reliance on the categorical exclusion. Accordingly, this action meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(d)(5). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22, no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the action.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 26.9, 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 Commission hereby grants Palisades Energy, LLC a one-time exemption from 10 CFR 26.205(d)(3) and (d)(7) for individuals performing duties in 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) to allow the use of the outage MDO requirements described in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(4) starting on upon commencement of core load activities and terminating after 60 days or when Palisades is connected to the electrical grid, whichever occurs first. While the exemption is in effect, Palisades Energy will ensure that individuals

performing duties in 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) have at least 3 days off in each successive (*i.e.*, non-rolling) 15-day period. During the exemption period, Palisades Energy will also ensure that individuals' work hours do not exceed the limits specified in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(1), individuals receive a 10-hour break between successive work periods specified in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(2)(i), and individuals receive a 34-hour break in any 9-day period specified in 10 CFR 26.205(d)(2)(ii).

Additionally, Palisades Energy will use the outage MDO requirements, rest break requirements, maximum work hour limitations, and the mitigating strategy and commitments described in the July 10, 2026, enclosure. These actions and commitments provide reasonable assurance that acute and cumulative fatigue are adequately managed for personnel performing duties in 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) for a 60-day period commencing on core load, or until connected to the electrical grid, whichever occurs first. Furthermore, the Commission hereby grants the licensee's request and rescinds the fourth exemption granted on June 18, 2026, for Operations personnel described in 26.4(a)(1) and as discussed in Section II of this exemption.

Dated: August 12, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-008; NRC-2008-0476]

Virginia Electric and Power Company, (Doing Business as Dominion Energy Virginia); North Anna Site; Early Site Permit Renewal Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice each week, for four consecutive weeks, of receipt and availability of an application for renewal of early site permit (ESP) ESP-003 for the North Anna ESP site from Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as (dba) Dominion Energy Virginia. Renewal of the ESP would allow the licensee to reference ESP-003 in a construction permit (CP) or combined license (COL) application for an additional 20-year period beyond the period specified in the ESP. The location for the North Anna ESP site is in Louisa County, Virginia, and the current ESP-003 expires on November 27, 2027.

DATES: The application for renewal of the North Anna ESP is available as of July 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0476 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-2008-0476. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) 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 ADAMS Public 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. The North Anna ESP renewal application is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML26195A323.

- **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 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: Billy Gleaves, Office of Advanced Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-5848; email: Bill.Gleaves@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

On July 14, 2026, Virginia Electric and Power Company, dba Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion), filed with the NRC, pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," an application to request that the NRC renew ESP-003 for an additional 20 years beyond the current November 27,

2027, expiration date or from the date of issuance, whichever is later.

In accordance with subpart A of 10 CFR part 52, an applicant may seek an ESP separate from the filing of an application for a CP or COL. The ESP process allows resolution of issues relating to siting. Renewal of ESP-003 would allow for the licensee to reference the ESP in a CP or COL application for an additional 20-year period beyond the period specified in ESP-003 or from the date of issuance, whichever is later. If an application for a CP or COL references an ESP, the Commission shall treat as resolved those matters resolved in the proceeding on the application for issuance or renewal of the ESP, except as provided for in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of 10 CFR 52.39.

In the case of the North Anna site, Dominion holds COL NPF-103 for a reactor designated as North Anna, Unit 3. In the renewal application for ESP-003, Dominion notified the NRC of its decision to place COL NPF-103 in deferred status. Dominion also included in its renewal application for ESP-003 a request for an exemption from the subsumption requirements of 10 CFR 52.26(d), "Duration of permit," to provide for the renewal of the ESP in its entirety, rather than renewal of only the portions of ESP-003 not subsumed into NPF-103.

II. Further Information

The NRC will publish subsequent **Federal Register** notices addressing the acceptability of the tendered ESP renewal application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the ESP renewal process.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: August 3, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[Docket ID: OPM-2024-0003]

Privacy Act of 1974; Re-Established Matching Program

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice of a re-established
matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is providing notice of the re-establishment of a matching program between OPM and the Social Security Administration (SSA) under Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) No. 1045. The purpose of the matching program is to enable SSA to disclose wage and self-employment income information to OPM for use in determining continued eligibility for certain retirement and survivor benefits subject to statutory earnings limitations.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before September 18, 2026. The matching program will begin on October 20, 2026, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public that require modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the beginning date and may be extended for an additional 12 months if the respective agency Data Integrity Boards determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> without change, which will include any personal identifiers submitted with the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Morgan, Retirement Services, by email at Lisa.Morgan@opm.gov or by mail at Lisa Morgan, Retirement Services, Room 6500, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503) amended the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) by establishing procedural safeguards governing agencies' use of computerized matching programs. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 further amended the Privacy Act by strengthening protections for individuals whose records are used in matching programs.

Notice is given of a re-established matching program between OPM and SSA. This matching program, Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) No. 1045, is

being re-established to enable SSA to disclose wage and self-employment income information to OPM. OPM will compare SSA wage and self-employment income information with its retirement records for disability retirees under age 60, disabled adult-child survivors, certain retirees receiving a supplemental benefit under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), and certain annuitants receiving a discontinued service retirement benefit under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Federal law limits the amount these retirees, survivors, and annuitants may earn while continuing to receive these benefits, and discontinued service retirement benefits cease upon reemployment in Federal service. OPM will use the wage and self-employment income information provided by SSA to determine individuals' continued eligibility for retirement benefits administered by OPM.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

OPM and SSA.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Legal authorities for the disclosures under this agreement are 5 U.S.C. 8337(d), 8341(a)(4)(B), 8344(a)(4)(B), and 8468, which establish earnings limitations for certain CSRS and FERS annuitants. The authority to terminate benefits is found at 5 U.S.C. 8341(e)(3)(B) and 8443(b)(3)(B). The Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(11), requires SSA to disclose tax return information to OPM upon request for purposes of administering chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code. SSA is authorized to verify the Social Security numbers submitted by OPM under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306), SSA's privacy regulations (20 CFR part 401), and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)). Section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 also authorizes SSA to include a death indicator in verification routines it determines to be appropriate.

PURPOSE(S):

The purpose of the matching program is to enable SSA to disclose wage and self-employment income information to OPM for comparison with OPM retirement records to determine the continued eligibility of disability retirees under age 60, disabled adult-child survivors, certain Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annuity supplement recipients, and certain Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) discontinued service annuitants