

### C. Otherwise in the Public Interest

On April 17, 2020, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published Version 3.0 of its “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID–19 Response.” Although that guidance is advisory in nature, it is designed to ensure “continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.” In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued recommendations (e.g., social distancing, limiting assemblies) to limit the spread of COVID–19.

EHNC stated, in part, that:

The Energy Harbor Nuclear Corp. pandemic response plan is based on [the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance document] NEI 06–03, *Pandemic Threat Planning, Preparation, and Response Reference Guide* (Reference 4), which recommends isolation strategies such as sequestering, use of super crews or minimum staffing as well as social distancing, group size limitations and self-quarantining, in the event of a pandemic, to prevent the spread of the virus to the plant. NEI 06–03 provides other mitigation strategies that serve the public interest during a pandemic by ensuring adequate staff is isolated from the pandemic and remains healthy to perform their job function.

Keeping [Beaver Valley] in operation during the pandemic will help to support the public need for reliable electricity supply to cope with the pandemic. As the US Departments of Homeland Security and Energy have stated in their guidance, the electric grid and nuclear plant operation make up the nation’s critical infrastructure similar to the medical, food, communications, and other critical industries. If the plant operation is impacted because it cannot comply with the security training requalification requirements while isolation activities are in effect for essential crew members, the area electrical grid would lose this reliable source of baseload power. In addition, [Beaver Valley] personnel could face the added transient challenge of shutting down their respective plant and possibly not restarting it until the pandemic passes. This does not serve the public interest in maintaining a safe and reliable supply of electricity.

EHNC stated that the requalification activities for security personnel at Beaver Valley must be rescheduled to allow implementation of the EHNC pandemic response plan mitigation strategies. In addition, EHNC indicated that this exemption would support the licensee’s implementation of isolation activities (e.g., social distancing, group size limitations, and self-quarantining) at Beaver Valley. EHNC stated these actions serve the public interest by ensuring adequate staff isolation and maintaining staff health to perform their job function during the COVID–19 PHE.

Based on the above and the NRC staff’s aforementioned findings, the NRC staff concludes that granting the temporary

exemption is in the public interest because it allows EHNC to maintain the required security posture at Beaver Valley while the facility continues to provide electrical power. The exemption also enables EHNC to reduce the risk of exposing essential security personnel at Beaver Valley to COVID–19.

### D. Environmental Considerations

NRC approval of this exemption request is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25), and there are no special circumstances present that would preclude reliance on this exclusion. The NRC staff determined, per 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(E), that the requirements from which the exemption is sought involve education, training, experience, qualification, requalification, or other employment suitability requirements. The NRC staff also determined that approval of this exemption request involves no significant hazards consideration because it does not authorize any physical changes to the facility or any of its safety systems, nor does it change any of the assumptions or limits used in the facility licensee’s safety analyses or introduce any new failure modes; no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite because this exemption does not affect any effluent release limits as provided in the facility licensee’s technical specifications or by the regulations in 10 CFR part 20, “Standards for Protection Against Radiation”; no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure because this exemption does not affect limits on the release of any radioactive material or the limits provided in 10 CFR part 20 for radiation exposure to workers or members of the public; no significant construction impact because this exemption does not involve any changes to a construction permit; and no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents because this exemption does not alter any of the assumptions or limits in the facility licensee’s safety analysis. In addition, the NRC staff determined that there would be no significant impacts to biota, water resources, historic properties, cultural resources, or socioeconomic conditions in the region. As such, there are no special circumstances present that would preclude reliance on this categorical exclusion. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the approval of this exemption request.

### IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the NRC has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR part 73.5, 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 EHNC’s request to exempt Beaver Valley from the requirements for periodic requalification of security personnel in paragraphs B.5.(a), C.3.(l)(1), D.1.(b)(3), D.2.(a), E.1.(c), E.1.(f), and F.5.(a) of 10 CFR part 73, Appendix B, Section VI. This exemption expires 90 days after the end of

the COVID–19 PHE, or December 31, 2020, whichever occurs first.

Dated: May 19, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Craig G. Erlanger, Director,

*Division of Operating Reactor Licensing,  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## PEACE CORPS

### Submission for OMB Emergency Review: Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Peace Corps.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection—OMB emergency review and request for comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** The Peace Corps has submitted the following information collection request, utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and OMB regulations. OMB approval has been requested by the Office of Strategic Information, Research and Planning (OSIRP). OMB is particularly interested in comments that: Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal for emergency review should be received by May 22, 2020. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. We are requesting OMB to take action within two calendar days from the close of this **Federal Register** Notice on the request for emergency review.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk

Officer for the Peace Corps or sent via email to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov) or faxed to (202) 395-3086.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Virginia Burke, FOIA Officer, Peace Corps, 1275 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20526, (202) 692-1887, or email at [pcf@peacecorps.gov](mailto:pcf@peacecorps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.13. The Peace Corps plans to follow this emergency request with a submission for a 3 year approval through OMB's normal PRA clearance process. We are seeking an emergency clearance to allow us to collect information from Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

*Title:* Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Evacuation Survey.

*OMB control number:* Pending.

*Type of Request:* New Emergency Review.

*Affected public:* Volunteers, Trainees, and Response Volunteers, who were recently evacuated from their countries of service in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19) pandemic.

*Respondents' obligation to reply:* Voluntary.

*Burden to the public:*

- a. *Number of respondents:* 7,000.
- b. *Frequency of response:* 1.
- c. *Completion time:* 15 Minutes.
- d. *Annual burden hours:* 1,750.
- e. *Estimated cost to respondents:*

\$0.00.

This notice issued in Washington, DC, on May 20, 2020.

**Virginia Burke,**

*FOIA/Privacy Act Officer/Management.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Certain Rules in Connection With the Exchange's Disciplinary Process

May 19, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 8, 2020, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BYX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission

(the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BYX") proposes to amend certain rules in connection with the Exchange's disciplinary process. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website ([http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule\\_filings/byx/](http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/byx/)), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 8.8 in connection with the timing before which an offer of settlement becomes final, to amend Rule 8.10 in connection with the Board's review of offers of settlement, and to amend Rule 8.11 to be consistent with the corresponding rules of the Exchange's affiliated exchanges, Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe Options") and Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. ("C2").<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>5</sup> See Cboe Options Rule 13.11. The Exchange notes that C2 incorporates Cboe Options Disciplinary rules by reference.

First, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 8.8 which governs offers of settlement during a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Chapter 8 (Discipline). Specifically, it proposes to amend the timing for which the Chief Regulatory Officer's ("CRO") decision regarding an offer shall become final pursuant to Rule 8.8(a). Rule 8.8(a) currently provides that a Respondent may submit to the CRO a written offer of settlement, and the CRO may accept an offer of settlement, and, in doing so, issues a decision, including findings and conclusions and imposing a penalty, consistent with the terms of such offer. Pursuant to Rule 8.8(a), the CRO may also reject an offer of settlement and the matter then proceeds as if such offer had not been made. According to Rule 8.8(a), a decision of the CRO issued upon acceptance of an offer of settlement as well as the determination of the CRO whether to accept or reject such an offer does not currently become final until 20 business days after such decision is issued, and the Respondent may not seek review thereof.

The Exchange proposes to eliminate the 20-business day timeframe before which the CRO's determination and decision in connection with an offer of settlement becomes final. This is consistent with the corresponding offer of settlement rules of the Exchange's affiliated exchanges, Cboe Options and C2,<sup>6</sup> which do not have any such waiting period before which the CRO's acceptance (and accompanying decision) or rejection of an offer of settlement becomes final. In addition to providing consistency between the rules of the affiliated exchanges, the proposed rule change also removes a process that unnecessarily prolongs disciplinary proceedings. Where a matter could be either immediately closed or continued to the next steps of the proceedings upon the CRO's acceptance or rejection, respectively, of an offer of settlement, the current process unnecessarily leaves a matter open.

Second, and in line with the proposed rule change to Rule 8.8, the Exchange also proposes to remove Rule 8.8 offers of settlement from the list of certain procedural decisions in Rule 8.10 that may be reviewed by the Board on its own initiative within 20 business days after the issuance of the decision. This is also consistent with the corresponding disciplinary review rules of Cboe Options and C2, which do not include offers of settlement as decisions

<sup>6</sup> See Cboe Options Rule 13.8(a). The Exchange notes that C2 incorporates Cboe Options Disciplinary rules by reference.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.