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DOCKET NO. 50-269

OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 310
License No. DPR-38

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. DPR-38 filed by the Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) dated September 29, 1999, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-38 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 310 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. 50-270

OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 310
License No. DPR-47

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. DPR-47 filed by the Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) dated September 29, 1999, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-47 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 310 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

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OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 310
License No. DPR-55

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:

   A. The application for amendment to the Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 3 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. DPR-55 filed by the Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) dated September 29, 1999, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;

   C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;

   D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public; and

   E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-55 is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 310 , are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the attached revised pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

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5.5.2 Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program (continued)

This program shall be in accordance with the guidelines contained in Regulatory Guide 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leak-Test Program," dated September 1995. Containment system visual examinations required by Regulatory Guide 1.163, Regulatory Position C.3 shall be performed as follows:

1. Accessible concrete surfaces and post-tensioning system component surfaces of the concrete containment shall be visually examined prior to initiating SR 3.6.1.1 Type A test. These visual examinations, or any portion thereof, shall be performed no earlier than 90 days prior to the start of refueling outages in which Type A tests will be performed. The validity of these visual examinations will be evaluated should any event or condition capable of affecting the integrity of the containment system occur between the completion of the visual examinations and the Type A test.

2. Accessible interior and exterior surfaces of metallic pressure retaining components of the containment system shall be visually examined at least three times every ten years, including during each shutdown for SR 3.6.1.1 Type A test, prior to initiating the Type A test.

Type B and C testing shall be implemented in the program in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix J, Option A.

The peak calculated containment internal pressure for the design basis loss of coolant accident, P_a, is 59 psig.

The maximum allowable containment leakage rate, L_a, at P_a, shall be 0.25% of the containment air weight per day.

Leakage rate acceptance criteria are:

a. Containment leakage rate acceptance criterion is $\leq 1.0\ L_a$. During the first unit startup following testing in accordance with this program, the leakage rate acceptance criteria are $\leq 0.60\ L_a$ for the Type B and Type C tests, and $\leq 0.75\ L_a$ for Type A tests;

b. Leakage $> 0.50\ L_a$ shall be to the penetration room.

The provisions of SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program.

5.5 Programs and Manuals (continued)

5.5.3 Primary Coolant Sources Outside Containment

This program provides controls to minimize leakage from those portions of systems outside containment that could contain highly radioactive fluids during a serious transient or accident to levels as low as practicable. These systems include High Pressure Injection, Low Pressure Injection, Reactor Building Spray, Gaseous Waste Disposal, Makeup and Purification, Chemical Addition and Sampling, and Coolant Treatment. The program shall include the following:

a. Preventive maintenance and periodic visual inspection requirements; and

b. Integrated leak test requirements for each system at refueling cycle intervals or less.

5.5.4 Post Accident Sampling

This program provides controls that ensure the capability to obtain and analyze reactor coolant, radioactive iodines and particulates in plant gaseous effluents; containment atmosphere samples and airborne iodine concentrations in vital areas under accident conditions. The program shall include the following:

a. Training of personnel;

b. Procedures for sampling and analysis; and

c. Provisions for maintenance of sampling and analysis equipment.

5.5.5 Radioactive Effluent Controls Program

This program conforms to 10 CFR 50.36a for the control of radioactive effluents and for maintaining the doses to members of the public from radioactive effluents as low as reasonably achievable. The program shall be contained in UFSAR Chapter 16, shall be implemented by procedures, and shall include remedial actions to be taken whenever the program limits are exceeded. The program shall include the following elements:

a. Limitations on the functional capability of radioactive liquid and gaseous monitoring instrumentation including surveillance tests and setpoint determination in accordance with the methodology in the ODCM;

b. Limitations on the concentrations of radioactive material released in liquid effluents to unrestricted areas, conforming to ten times 10 CFR Part 20.1001 - 20.2401, Appendix B, Table 2, Column 2;

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5.5.5 Radioactive Effluent Controls Program (continued)

c. Monitoring, sampling, and analysis of radioactive liquid and gaseous effluents in accordance with 10 CFR 20.1302 and with the methodology and parameters in the ODCM;

d. Limitations on the annual and quarterly doses or dose commitment to a member of the public from radioactive materials in liquid effluents released from each unit to unrestricted areas, conforming to 10 CFR 50, Appendix I;

e. Determination of cumulative and projected dose contributions from radioactive effluents for the current calendar quarter and current calendar year in accordance with the methodology and parameters in the ODCM at least every 31 days;

f. Limitations on the functional capability and use of the liquid and gaseous effluent treatment systems to ensure that appropriate portions of these systems are used to reduce releases of radioactivity when the projected doses in a period of 31 days would exceed 2% of the guidelines for the annual dose or dose commitment, conforming to 10 CFR 50, Appendix I;

g. Limitations on the dose rate resulting from radioactive material released in gaseous effluents to areas beyond the site boundary shall be limited to the following:

   1. For noble gases; Less than or equal to a dose rate of 500 mrems/yr to the total body and less than or equal to a dose rate of 3000 mrems/yr to the skin, and

   2. For iodine-131, for iodine-133, for tritium, and for all radionuclides in particulate form with half-lives greater than 8 days; less than or equal to a dose rate of 1500 mrems/yr to any organ.

h. Limitations on the annual and quarterly air doses resulting from noble gases released in gaseous effluents from each unit to areas beyond the site boundary, conforming to 10 CFR 50, Appendix I;

i. Limitations on the annual and quarterly doses to a member of the public from iodine-131, iodine-133, tritium, and all radionuclides in particulate form with half lives > 8 days in gaseous effluents released from each unit to areas beyond the site boundary, conforming to 10 CFR 50, Appendix I; and

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5.5.5 Radioactive Effluent Controls Program (continued)

j. Limitations on the annual dose or dose commitment to any member of the public due to releases of radioactivity and to radiation from uranium fuel cycle sources, conforming to 40 CFR 190.

k. Descriptions of the information that should be included in the Annual Radiological Environmental Operating, and Radioactive Effluent Release Reports required by Specification 5.6.2 and Specification 5.6.3.

Licensee initiated changes to the Radiological Effluent Controls of the UFSAR:

a. Shall be documented and records of reviews performed shall be retained. This documentation shall contain:

1. Sufficient information to support the change(s) together with the appropriate analyses or evaluations justifying the change(s), and

2. A determination that the change(s) maintain the overall conformance of the solidified waste product to existing requirements of Federal, State, or other applicable regulations or a determination that the change will maintain the level of radioactive effluent control required by 10 CFR 20.1302, 40 CFR Part 190, 10 CFR 50.36a, and Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50 and not adversely impact the accuracy or reliability of effluent, dose, or setpoint calculations;

b. Shall become effective after approval of the station manager.

c. Shall be submitted to the Commission in the form of a complete, legible copy of the entire Section 16.11 of the UFSAR as a part of or concurrent with the Radioactive Effluent Release Report for the period of the report in which any changes to Section 16.11 of the UFSAR was made. Each change shall be identified by markings in the margin of the affected pages, clearly indicating the area of the page that was changed, and shall indicate the date (i.e., month/year) the change was implemented.

5.5.6 Component Cyclic or Transient Limit

This program provides controls to track the UFSAR, Section 5.2.1.4, cyclic and transient occurrences to ensure that components are maintained within the design limits.

5.5 Programs and Manuals (continued)

5.5.7 Pre-Stressed Concrete Containment Tendon Surveillance Program

This program provides controls for monitoring any tendon degradation in pre-stressed concrete containments, including effectiveness of its corrosion protection medium, to ensure containment structural integrity. The program shall include baseline measurements prior to initial operations. The Tendon Surveillance Program, inspection frequencies, and acceptance criteria shall be in accordance with Section XI, Subsection IWL of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable addenda as required by 10 CFR 50.55a, as amended by relief granted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3).

The provisions of SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Tendon Surveillance Program inspection frequencies.

5.5.8 Reactor Coolant Pump Flywheel Inspection Program

This program shall provide for inspection of each reactor coolant pump flywheel. At approximately three-year intervals, the bore and keyway of each reactor coolant pump flywheel shall be subjected to an inplace, volumetric examination. Whenever maintenance or repair activities necessitate flywheel removal, a urface examination of exposed surfaces and a complete volumetric examination shall be performed if the interval measured from the previous such inspection is greater than 6 2/3 years. The interval may be extended up to one year to permit inspections to coincide with a planned outage.

5.5.9 Inservice Testing Program

This program provides controls for inservice testing of ASME Code Class 1, 2, and 3 pumps and valves:

a. Testing frequencies specified in Section XI of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda as follows:

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5.5.9 Inservice Testing Program (continued)

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and applicable Addenda terminology for inservice testing activities	Required Frequencies for performing inservice testing activities
Weekly	At least once per 7 days
Monthly	At least once per 31 days
Quarterly or every 3 months	At least once per 92 days
Semiannually or every 6 months	At least once per 184 days
Every 9 months	At least once per 276 days
Yearly or annually	At least once per 366 days
Biennially or every 2 years	At least once per 731 days

b. The provisions of SR 3.0.2 are applicable to the above required Frequencies for performing inservice testing activities;

c. The provisions of SR 3.0.3 are applicable to inservice testing activities; and

d. Nothing in the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code shall be construed to supersede the requirements of any TS.

5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program

This program provides the controls for SG tube surveillance. The program shall include the following:

a. Examination Methods

Inservice inspection of steam generator tubing shall include non-destructive examination by eddy-current testing or other equivalent techniques. The inspection equipment shall provide a sensitivity that will detect defects with a penetration of 20 percent or more of the minimum allowable as-manufactured tube wall thickness.

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5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program (continued)

b. Acceptance Criteria

The steam generator shall be considered operable after completion of the specified actions. All tubes examined exceeding the repair limit shall be repaired by sleeving or rerolling or removed from service (e.g., plugged, stabilized).

For Units 1 and 3, there are a number of steam generator tubes which exceed the tube repair limit as a result of tube end anomalies. These tubes are temporarily exempted from the requirements for sleeving, rerolling or removal from service, until repaired during or before the next Unit 1 and Unit 3 refueling outages (Unit 1 EOC 18, Unit 3 EOC 17 refueling outages, respectively). An analysis has been performed which confirms the operability of Units 1 and 3 will not be impacted with these tubes in service until the next refueling outage on each of these units.

c. Selection and Testing

The steam generator tube minimum sample size, inspection result classification, and the corresponding action required shall be as specified in Table 5.5.10-1. The inservice inspection of steam generator tubes shall be performed at the frequencies specified in 5.5.10.d and the inspected tubes shall be verified acceptable per 5.5.10.e. The tubes selected for each inservice inspection shall include at least 3% of the total number of tubes in both steam generators, with one or both steam generators being inspected. The tubes selected for these inspections shall be selected on a random basis except:

1. The first sample inspection during each inservice inspection of each steam generator shall include:

   a. All tubes that previously had detectable wall penetrations (>20%) and have not been plugged or sleeve repaired in the affected area.

   b. At least 50% of the tubes inspected shall be in those areas where experience has indicated potential problems.

   c. A tube adjacent to any selected tube which does not permit passage of the eddy-current probe for tube inspection.

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5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program (continued)

2. Tubes in the following Group(s) may be excluded from the first sample if all tubes in a Group in both OTSG are inspected. No credit will be taken for these tubes in meeting minimum sample size requirements.

   Group A-1: Tubes within one, two, or three rows of the open inspection lane.

3. All tubes which have been repaired using the reroll process will have the new roll area inspected during the inservice inspection.

4. The tubes selected as the second and third samples (if required by Table 5.5.10-1) during each inservice inspection may be subjected to less than a full tube inspection provided:

   a. The tubes selected for these samples include the tubes from those areas of the tubesheet array where tubes with imperfections were previously found.

   b. The inspections include those portions of the tubes where imperfections were previously found.

   The results of each sample inspection shall be classified into one of the following three categories:

Category	Inspection Results
C-1	Less than 5% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes and none of the inspected tubes are defective.
C-2	One or more tubes, but no more than 1% of the total tubes inspected are defective, or between 5% and 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes.
C-3	More than 10% of the total tubes inspected are degraded tubes or more than 1% of the inspected tubes are defective.

NOTES:

(1) In all inspections, previously degraded tubes must exhibit significant (>10%) further wall penetrations to be included in the above percentage calculations.

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5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program (continued)

(2) Where special inspections are performed pursuant to 5.5.10.c.2, defective or degraded tubes found as a result of the inspection shall be included in determining the Inspection Results Category for that special inspection but need not be included in determining the Inspection Results Category for the general steam generator inspection, unless the mechanism of degradation is random in nature.

(3) Where special inspections are performed pursuant to 5.5.10.c.2, defective or degraded tube indications found in the new roll area as a result of the inspection and any indications found in the originally rolled region of the rerolled tube, need not be included in determining the Inspection Results Category for the general steam generator inspection.

d. Inspection Intervals

The above required inservice inspections of steam generator tubes shall be performed at the following frequencies.

1. Inservice inspections shall be performed at intervals of not less than 12 nor more than 24 calendar months after the previous inspection. If the results of two consecutive inspections following service under all volatile treatment (AVT) conditions fall into the C-1 category or if two consecutive inspections demonstrate that previously observed degradation has not continued and no additional degradation has occurred, the inspection interval may be extended to a maximum of 40 months.

2. If the results of the inservice inspection of a steam generator performed in accordance with Table 5.5.10-1 at 40 month intervals fall in Category C-3, subsequent inservice inspections shall be performed at intervals of not less than 10 months nor more than one fuel cycle after the previous inspection. The increase in inspection frequency shall apply until a subsequent inspection meets the conditions specified in 5.5.10.d.1 and the interval can be extended to a maximum of 40 months.

3. Additional, unscheduled inservice inspections shall be performed on each steam generator in accordance with the first sample inspection specified in Table 5.5.10-1 during the shutdown subsequent to any of the following conditions:

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5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program (continued)

a. A seismic occurrence greater than the Operating Basis Earthquake,

b. A loss-of-coolant accident requiring actuation of the engineered safeguards, or

c. A main steam line or feedwater line break.

4. After primary to secondary leakage in excess of the limits of Specification 3.4.13, an inspection of the affected steam generator will be performed in accordance with the following criteria:

a. If the leaking tube is in a Group as defined in Section 5.5.10.c.2, all of the tubes in this Group in this steam generator will be inspected. If the results of this inspection fall into the C-3 category, additional inspections will be performed in the same Group in the other steam generator.

b. If the leaking tube has been repaired by the reroll process and is leaking in the new roll area, all tubes in the steam generator that have been repaired by the reroll process will have the new roll area inspected. If the results of this inspection fall into the C-3 category, additional inspections will be performed in the new roll area in the other steam generator.

c. If the leaking tube is not in a Group as defined in 5.5.10.d.4.a, then an inspection will be performed on the affected steam generator in accordance with Table 5.5.10-1 with an initial inspection sample size of 6% of the tubes in the affected steam generator.

e. Definitions

As used in this specification:

1. Imperfection means an exception to the dimensions, finish or contour of a tube from that required by fabrication drawings or specifications. Eddy-current testing indications below 20% of the nominal tube or sleeve wall thickness, if detectable, may be considered as imperfections.

2. Degradation means a service-induced cracking, wastage, wear or general corrosion occurring on either the inside or outside of a tube or a sleeve.

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5.5.10 Steam Generator (SG) Tube Surveillance Program (continued)

3. Degraded Tube means a tube or a sleeve containing imperfections $\geq$ 20% of the nominal wall thickness caused by degradation.

4. % Degradation means the percentage of the tube or sleeve wall thickness affected or removed by degradation.

5. Defect means an imperfection of such severity that it exceeds the repair limit. A tube or sleeve containing a defect is defective.

6. Repair Limit means the imperfection depth beyond which the tube shall be either removed from service by plugging or repaired by sleeving or rerolling because it may become unserviceable prior to the next inspection; it is equal to 40% of the nominal tube or sleeve wall thickness. Axial tube imperfections of any depth observed between the primary side surface of the tube sheet clad and the end of the tube are excluded from this repair limit.

   The Babcock and Wilcox process (or method) equivalent to the method described in report, BAW-1823P, Revision 1 will be used for sleeving repairs.

   The rerolling repair process will only be used to repair tubes with defects in the upper tubesheet area. The rerolling repair process will be performed only once per steam generator tube using a 1 inch reroll length. The new roll area must be free of degradation in order for the repair to be considered acceptable. The rerolling process used by Oconee is described in the Topical Report, BAW-2303, Revision 3.

7. Unserviceable describes the condition of a tube if it leaks or contains a defect large enough to affect its structural integrity in the event of an Operating Basis Earthquake, a loss-of-coolant accident, or a steam line or feedwater line break as specified in 5.5.10.d.

8. Tube Inspection means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry completely to the point of exit. The degraded tube above the new roll area can be excluded from future periodic inspection requirements because it is no longer part of the pressure boundary once the repair roll is installed.

TABLE 5.5.10-1 (Page 1 of 2)
STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTION

1st Sample Inspection			2nd Sample Inspection		3rd Sample Inspection	
Sample Size	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required
A minimum of S tubes per S.G. (1)	C-1	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	C-2	Plug or repair defective tubes and inspect additional 2S tubes in this SG.	C-1	None	N/A	N/A
			C-2	Plug or repair defective tubes and inspect additional 4S tubes in this SG.	C-1	None
					C-2	Plug or repair defective tubes.
					C-3	Plug or repair defective tubes and perform action for C-3 result of 1st Sample.
			C-3	Plug or repair defective tubes and perform actions for C-3 results on 1st Sample.	N/A	N/A

(continued)

TABLE 5.5.10-1 (Page 2 of 2)
STEAM GENERATOR TUBE INSPECTION

1st Sample Inspection			2nd Sample Inspection		3rd Sample Inspection	
Sample Size	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required	Result	Action Required
(continued)	C-3	Inspect 6S tubes in the S.G, plug or repair defective tubes and inspect 2S tubes in the other S.G. Perform follow-on inspections in the other S.G. in accordance with results of the above inspection as applied to Table 5.5.10-1 Prompt Notification to NRC pursuant to 10 CFR 50.72	C-1	N/A	N/A	N/A
			C-2	N/A	N/A	N/A
			C-3 (2)	(a) If defects can be localized to an affected area, inspect all tubes in affected area and plug or repair defective tubes. (b) If defects cannot be localized to an affected area, inspect all tubes in this S.G. and plug or repair defective tubes.	C-1	N/A
					C-2	N/A
					C-3	N/A

Notes: (1) S=3(N/n)% Where N is the number of steam generators in the unit, and n is the number of steam generators inspected during an inspection.

(2) Following an 18% random inspection (C-3 category inspection) an unaffected area is identified. The unaffected area will be logically and consistently defined based on generator design, defect location and characteristics. The criteria for accepting an area as unaffected depends on the number of defects found in the sample inspected in that area and are established such that there is a 0.05 or smaller probability of accepting the area as unaffected if it contains 30 or more defective tubes.

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5.5.11 Secondary Water Chemistry

This program provides controls for monitoring secondary water chemistry to inhibit SG tube degradation. The program shall include:

a. Identification of a sampling schedule for the critical variables and control points for these variables;

b. Identification of the procedures used to measure the values of the critical variables;

c. Identification of process sampling points;

d. Procedures for the recording and management of data;

e. Procedures defining corrective actions for all off control point chemistry conditions; and

f. A procedure identifying the authority responsible for the interpretation of the data and the sequence and timing of administrative events, which is required to initiate corrective action.

5.5.12 Ventilation Filter Testing Program (VFTP)

A program shall be established to implement the following required testing of filter ventilation systems at the frequencies specified in Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2.

The VFTP is applicable to the Penetration Room Ventilation System (PRVS), the Control Room Ventilation System (CRVS) Booster Fan Trains, and the Spent Fuel Pool Ventilation System (SFPVS).

a. Demonstrate, for the PRVS, that a dioctyl phthalate (DOP) test of the high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters shows ≥ 99% removal when tested in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

b. Demonstrate, for the CRVS Booster Fan Trains, that a DOP test of the HEPA filters shows ≥ 99.5% removal when tested at in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

c. Demonstrate, for the PRVS, that a halogenated hydrocarbon test of the carbon adsorber shows ≥ 99% removal when tested in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

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5.5.12 Ventilation Filter Testing Program (VFTP) (continued)

d. Demonstrate, for the CRVS Booster Fan Trains, that a halogenated hydrocarbon test of the carbon adsorber shows ≥ 99% removal when tested at in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

e. Demonstrate, for the CRVS Booster Fan Trains, PRVS and SFPVS, that a laboratory test of a sample of the carbon adsorber shows ≥ 90% radioactive methyl iodide removal when tested in accordance with ASTM D3803-1989 (30°C, 95% RH).

f. Demonstrate, for the PRVS, that the pressure drop across the combined HEPA filters and carbon adsorber banks is < 6 in. of water at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

g. Demonstrate, for the CRVS Booster Fan Trains, that the pressure drop across the pre-filter is ≤ 1 in. of water and the pressure drop across the HEPA filters is ≤ 2 in. of water at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

h. Demonstrate, for the SFPVS, that a dioctyl phthalate (DOP) test of the high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters shows ≥ 99% removal when tested in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

i. Demonstrate, for the SFPVS, that a halogenated hydrocarbon test of the carbon adsorber shows ≥ 99% removal when tested in accordance with ANSI N510-1975 at the system design flow rate ± 10%.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the VFTP test frequencies.

5.5.13 Explosive Gas and Storage Tank Radioactivity Monitoring Program

This program provides controls for potentially explosive gas mixtures contained in the waste gas holdup tanks and the quantity of radioactivity contained in waste gas holdup tanks, and the quantity of radioactivity contained in unprotected outdoor liquid storage tanks. The gaseous radioactivity quantities shall be determined. The liquid radwaste quantities shall be determined by analyzing a representative sample of the tank's contents at least once per 7 days when radioactive materials are being added to the tank.

5.5 Programs and Manuals

5.5.13 Explosive Gas and Storage Tank Radioactivity Monitoring Program (continued)

The program shall include:

a. The limit for concentration of hydrogen in the waste gas holdup tanks and a surveillance program to ensure the limit is maintained. The limit shall be appropriate to the system's design criteria (i.e., whether or not the system is designed to withstand a hydrogen explosion);

b. A surveillance program to ensure that the quantity of radioactivity contained in each waste gas holdup tank is less than the amount that would result in a whole body exposure of ≥ 0.5 rem to any individual at the nearest exclusion area boundary, in the event of an uncontrolled release of the tank's contents.

c. A surveillance program to ensure that the quantity of radioactivity contained in all outdoor liquid radwaste tanks that are not surrounded by liners, dikes, or walls, capable of holding the tanks' contents and that do not have tank overflows and surrounding area drains connected to the Liquid Radwaste Treatment System is less than 10 curies excluding tritium and dissolved or entrained gases.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Explosive Gas and Storage Tank Radioactivity Monitoring Program surveillance frequencies.

5.5.14 Standby Shutdown Facility (SSF) Diesel Fuel Oil Testing Program

A diesel fuel oil testing program to implement required testing of SSF fuel oil shall be established. The program shall include sampling and testing requirements, and acceptance criteria, all in accordance with applicable ASTM Standards. The purpose of the program is to establish the acceptability of Day Tank and Underground Storage Tank fuel oil for use by determining that the fuel oil viscosity, water and sediment are within limits.

5.5.15 Technical Specifications (TS) Bases Control Program

This program provides a means for processing changes to the Bases of these Technical Specifications.

a. Changes to the Bases of the TS shall be made under appropriate administrative controls and reviews.

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5.5.15 Technical Specifications (TS) Bases Control Program (continued)

b. Licensees may make changes to Bases without prior NRC approval provided the changes do not involve either of the following:

1. A change in the TS incorporated in the license; or

2. A change to the updated UFSAR or Bases that involves an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10 CFR 50.59.

c. The Bases Control Program shall contain provisions to ensure that the Bases are maintained consistent with the UFSAR .

d. Proposed changes that meet the criteria of 5.5.15.b.1 or 5.5.15.b.2 above shall be reviewed and approved by the NRC prior to implementation. Changes to the Bases implemented without prior NRC approval shall be provided to the NRC on a frequency consistent with 10 CFR 50.71(e).

5.5.16 Safety Function Determination Program (SFDP)

This program ensures loss of safety function is detected and appropriate actions taken. Upon entry into LCO 3.0.6, an evaluation shall be made to determine if loss of safety function exists. Additionally, other appropriate limitations and remedial or compensatory actions may be identified to be taken as a result of the support system inoperability and corresponding exception to entering supported system Condition and Required Actions. This program implements the requirements of LCO 3.0.6. The SFDP shall contain the following:

a. Provisions for cross train checks to ensure a loss of the capability to perform the safety function assumed in the accident analysis does not go undetected;

b. Provisions for ensuring the plant is maintained in a safe condition if a loss of safety function condition exists;

c. Provisions to ensure that an inoperable supported system's Completion Time is not inappropriately extended as a result of multiple support system inoperabilities; and

d. Other appropriate limitations and remedial or compensatory actions.

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5.5.16 Safety Function Determination Program (SFDP) (continued)

A loss of safety function exists when, assuming no concurrent single failure, a safety function assumed in the accident analysis cannot be performed. For the purpose of this program, a loss of safety function may exist when a support system is inoperable, and:

a. A required system redundant to the system(s) supported by the inoperable support system is also inoperable; or

b. A required system redundant to the system(s) in turn supported by the inoperable supported system is also inoperable; or

c. A required system redundant to the support system(s) for the supported systems (a) and (b) above is also inoperable.

The SFDP identifies where a loss of safety function exists. If a loss of safety function is determined to exist by this program, the appropriate Conditions and Required Actions of the LCO in which the loss of safety function exists are required to be entered.

5.5.17 Backup Method for Determining Subcooling Margin

This program ensures the capability to accurately monitor the Reactor Coolant System Subcooling Margin. The program shall include the following:

a. Training of personnel, and

a. Procedures for monitoring.

5.5.18 KHU Commercial Power Generation Testing Program

The KHU Commercial Power Generation Testing Program shall include the following and shall be met during periods of KHU commercial power generation:

a. Verify upon an actual or simulated actuation signal, each KHU's overhead tie breaker and underground tie breaker actuate to the correct position from an initial condition of commercial power generation every 18 months.

b. Verify upon an actual or simulated actuation signal, each KHU's frequency is $\leq$ 66 Hz in $\leq$ 23 seconds from an initial condition of commercial power generation every 18 months.

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5.5.18 KHU Commercial Power Generation Testing Program (continued)

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the KHU Commercial Power Generation Testing Program surveillance frequencies.

5.5.19 Lee Combustion Turbine Testing Program

The Lee Combustion Turbine (LCT) Testing program shall include the following and shall be met when a LCT is used to comply with Required Actions of Specification 3.8.1, "AC Sources-Operating" or as a emergency power source as allowed by LCO 3.8.2, "AC Sources-Shutdown":

a. Verify an LCT can energize both standby buses using 100kV line electrically separated from system grid and offsite loads every 12 months.

b. Verify an LCT can supply equivalent of one Unit's maximum safeguard loads plus two Unit's MODE 3 loads when connected to system grid every 12 months.

c. Verify an LCT can provide equivalent of one Unit's maximum safeguard loads within one hour through 100kV line electrically separated from system grid and offsite loads every 18 months.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Lee Combustion Turbine Testing Program surveillance frequencies.

5.5.20 Battery Discharge Testing Program

The Battery Discharge Testing Program shall include the following and shall be met for batteries used to comply with LCO 3.8.3, "DC Sources Operating."

a. Verify battery capacity is ≥ 80% of the manufacturer's rating when subjected to a performance discharge test or a modified performance discharge test once every 60 months. This frequency shall be reduced to 12 months when battery shows degradation, or has reached 90% of the expected life with capacity < 100% of manufacturer's rating, and 24 months when battery has reached 90% of the expected life with capacity ≥ 100% of manufacturer's rating.

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5.5.20 Battery Discharge Testing Program (continued)

b. If battery capacity is determined to be < 80% of the manufacturer's rating an OPERABILITY evaluation shall be initiated immediately and completed within the guidelines of the Oconee OPERABILITY program. If the OPERABILITY evaluation determines the battery OPERABLE, battery capacity shall be restored to ≥ 80% of the manufacturer's rating within a time frame commensurate with the safety significance of the issue. Otherwise, the battery shall be declared inoperable and the applicable Condition of Specification 3.8.3 shall be entered.

The provisions of SR 3.0.2 and SR 3.0.3 are applicable to the Battery Discharge Testing Program surveillance frequencies.

5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

5.6 Reporting Requirements

The following reports shall be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.4.

5.6.1 Occupational Radiation Exposure Report

--NOTE--
A single submittal may be made for a multiple unit station. The submittal should combine sections common to all units at the station.

A tabulation on an annual basis of the number of station, utility, and other personnel (including contractors), for whom monitoring was performed, receiving an annual deep dose equivalent > 100 mrems and the associated collective deep dose equivalent (reported in person - rem) according to work and job functions (e.g., reactor operations and surveillance, inservice inspection, routine maintenance, special maintenance (describe maintenance), waste processing, and refueling). This tabulation supplements the requirements of 10 CFR 20.2206. The dose assignments to various duty functions may be estimated based on pocket ionization chamber, thermoluminescent dosimeter (TLD), electronic dosimeter, or film badge measurements. Small exposures totaling < 20 percent of the individual total dose need not be accounted for. In the aggregate, at least 80 percent of the total deep dose equivalent received from external sources should be assigned to specific major work functions. The report covering the previous calendar year shall be submitted by April 30 of each year.

5.6.2 Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report

--NOTE--
A single submittal may be made for a multiple unit station. The submittal should combine sections common to all units at the station.

The Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report covering the operation of the unit during the previous calendar year shall be submitted by May 15 of each year.

The report shall include summaries, interpretations, and analyses of trends of the results of the radiological environmental monitoring program for the reporting period. The material provided shall be consistent with the objectives outlined in the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM), and in 10 CFR 50, Appendix I, Sections IV.B.2, IV.B.3, and IV.C.

5.6 Reporting Requirements (continued)

5.6.3 Radioactive Effluent Release Report

---NOTE---
A single submittal may be made for a multiple unit station. The submittal should combine sections common to all units at the station; however, for units with separate radwaste systems, the submittal shall specify the releases of radioactive material from each unit.

The Radioactive Effluent Release Report covering the operation of the unit in the previous year shall be submitted prior to May 1 of each year in accordance with 10 CFR 50.36a. The report shall include a summary of the quantities of radioactive liquid and gaseous effluents and solid waste released from the unit. The material provided shall be consistent with the objectives outlined in the ODCM and Process Control Program and in conformance with 10 CFR 50.36a and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix I, Section IV.B.1.

5.6.4 Monthly Operating Reports

Routine reports of operating statistics and shutdown experience shall be submitted on a monthly basis no later than the 15th of each month following the calendar month covered by the report.

5.6.5 CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR)

Core operating limits shall be established, determined and issued in accordance with the following:

a. Core operating limits shall be established prior to each reload cycle, or prior to any remaining portion of a reload cycle, and shall be documented in the COLR for the following:

1. Shutdown Margin limit for Specification 3.1.1;

2. Moderator Temperature Coefficient limit for Specification 3.1.3;

3. Physical Position, Sequence and Overlap limits for Specification 3.2.1 Rod Insertion Limits;

4. AXIAL POWER IMBALANCE operating limits for Specification 3.2.2;

5. QUADRANT POWER TILT (QPT) limits for Specification 3.2.3;

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5.6.5 CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR) (continued)

6. Nuclear Overpower Flux/Flow/Imbalance and RCS Variable Low Pressure allowable value limits for Specification 3.3.1;

7. RCS Pressure, Temperature, and Flow Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Limits for Specification 3.4.1

8. Core Flood Tanks Boron concentration limits for Specification 3.5.1;

9. Borated Water Storage Tank Boron concentration limits for Specification 3.5.4;

10. Spent Fuel Pool Boron concentration limits for Specification 3.7.12;

11. RCS and Transfer Canal boron concentration limits for Specification 3.9.1; and

12. AXIAL POWER IMBALANCE protective limits and RCS Variable Low Pressure protective limits for Specification 2.1.1.

b. The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits shall be those previously reviewed and approved by the NRC, specifically those described in the following documents:

(1) DPC-NE-1002A, Reload Design Methodology II, Rev. 1, (SER dated October 1, 1985);

(2) NFS-1001A, Reload Design Methodology, Rev. 4, (SER dated July 29, 1981);

(3) DPC-NE-2003P-A, Oconee Nuclear Station Core Thermal Hydraulic Methodology Using VIPRE-01, (SER dated July 19, 1989);

(4) DPC-NE-1004P-A, Nuclear Design Methodology Using CASMO-3/SIMULATE-3P, (SER dated November 23, 1992);

(5) DPC-NE-2008P-A, Fuel Mechanical Reload Analysis Methodology Using TACO3, (SER dated April 3, 1995);

(6) BAW-10192-PA, BWNT LOCA - BWNT Loss of Coolant Accident Evaluation Model for Once-Through Steam Generator Plants, (SER dated February 18, 1997);

5.6.5 CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT (COLR) (continued)

(7) DPC-NE-3000P-A, Thermal Hydraulic Transient Analysis Methodology, Rev. 2, (SER dated October 14, 1998);

(8) DPC-NE-2005P-A, Thermal Hydraulic Statistical Core Design Methodology, Rev. 1, (SER dated November 7, 1996); and

(9) DPC-NE-3005-PA, UFSAR Chapter 15 Transient Analysis Methodology, Rev. 1, (SER dated May 25, 1999).

c. The core operating limits shall be determined such that all applicable limits (e.g., fuel thermal mechanical limits, core thermal hydraulic limits, Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) limits, nuclear limits such as SDM, transient analysis limits, and accident analysis limits) of the safety analysis are met.

d. The COLR, including any midcycle revisions or supplements, shall be provided upon issuance for each reload cycle to the NRC.

5.6.6 Post Accident Monitoring (PAM) and Main Feeder Bus Monitor Panel (MFPMP) Report

When a report is required by Condition B or G of LCO 3.3.8, "Post Accident Monitoring (PAM) Instrumentation" or Condition D of LCO 3.3.23, "Main Feeder Bus Monitor Panel," a report shall be submitted within the following 14 days. The report shall outline the preplanned alternate method of monitoring (PAM only), the cause of the inoperability, and the plans and schedule for restoring the instrumentation channels of the Function to OPERABLE status.

5.6.7 Tendon Surveillance Report

Any abnormal degradation of the containment structure detected during the tests required by the Pre-stressed Concrete Containment Tendon Surveillance Program shall be reported to the NRC within 30 days. The report shall include a description of the tendon condition, the condition of the concrete (especially at tendon anchorages), the inspection procedures, the tolerances on cracking, and the corrective action taken.

5.6 Reporting Requirements (continued)

5.6.8 Steam Generator Tube Inspection Report

The steam generator tube inspection report shall comply with the following:

a. The number of tubes plugged or repaired in each steam generator shall be reported to the NRC within 30 days following the completion of the plugging or repair procedure.

b. The results of the steam generator tube inservice inspection shall be reported to the NRC within 3 months following completion of the inspection. This report shall include:

   1. Number and extent of tubes inspected.

   2. Location and percent of wall-thickness penetration for each indication of a degraded tube.

   3. Identification of tubes plugged or repaired.

   4. Number of tubes repaired by rerolling and number of indications detected in the new roll area of the repaired tubes.

c. Results of steam generator tube inspections which fall into Category C-3 and require notification to the NRC shall be reported prior to resumption of plant operation. The written report shall provide the results of investigations conducted to determine cause of the tube degradation and corrective measures taken to prevent recurrence.

d. The designation of affected and unaffected areas will be reported to the NRC when they are determined.

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AMENDMENT NO. 310 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-47

AND AMENDMENT NO. 310 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE DPR-55

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION

OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1, 2, AND 3

DOCKET NOS. 50-269, 50-270, AND 50-287

1.0 BACKGROUND

On January 7, 1994, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a proposed amendment to the regulations to incorporate by reference the 1992 Edition with the 1992 Addenda of Subsections IWE and IWL of Section XI, Division 1 of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code* (Code). The final rule, Section 50.55a(g)(6)(ii)(B) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), became effective on September 9, 1996, and requires licensees to implement Subsections IWE and IWL, with specified modifications and limitations, by September 9, 2001.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated September 29, 1999, Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed changes would revise the Containment Inservice Inspection (ISI) Program related to the containment leakage testing and pre-stressed concrete containment tendon surveillance programs.

The proposed changes would revise the TS so that it conforms to the new regulatory requirements stated above. Additionally, the proposed changes would permit visual examinations per the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section XI, Subsection IWL to be performed in lieu of concrete and post-tensioning system general visual examinations that are required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J and Regulatory Guide 1.163 to be performed between Type A tests. The proposed changes would also allow general visual examinations of the concrete and post-tensioning system to be performed up to 90 days prior to the beginning of a refueling outage during which a Type A test is scheduled.

3.0 EVALUATION

The licensee proposes the following two changes to the TS:

3.1 TS Administrative Controls, Section 5.0, 5.5.2 "Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program"

This section of the TS requires that the Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program be in accordance with the guidelines of Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.163. Position C.3 of this RG requires, in part, that visual examination of accessible concrete surfaces and post-tensioning system component surfaces be performed immediately prior to each Type A test during refueling outages. The licensee has proposed to amend the TS by adding text which states that visual examination of concrete surfaces and post-tensioning systems shall be conducted prior to initiating the Type A test, and that the visual examination shall be performed no earlier than 90 days prior to the start of a refueling outage in which Type A tests will be performed. According to the licensee, the requirement to perform the examinations during a refueling outage may unnecessarily increase the duration of the refueling outage. The ASME Code does not require that general visual examinations be performed during refueling outages. Performing all, or part, of the visual examinations prior to starting a refueling outage eliminates the possibility that these examinations could affect the outage critical path.

The purpose of the containment visual examination is to detect deterioration that could affect the containment leak-tightness or structural integrity. Whether the examination is performed during operations or an outage has no impact on the quality of the inspection. Performing visual examinations within 90 days prior to the start of a refueling outage in which a Type A test is scheduled is sufficient to detect evidence of deterioration that may affect the structural integrity of the containment. Therefore, the proposed changes are acceptable.

The licensee also proposed to change TS 5.5.2 by adding text which states that visual examinations of containment pressure retaining metallic surfaces shall be performed at least three times every 10 years and only those examinations performed in conjunction with each Type A test need to be performed during shutdown. RG 1.163 requires that additional examinations of these component surfaces be conducted during two other refueling outages between Type A tests if the interval for the Type A test has been extended to 10 years, which is the case for Oconee. When possible, the licensee intends to perform these general visual examinations concurrently with general visual examinations required by ASME Code Subsection IWE, Table IWE-2500-1, Examination Category E-A, Item 1.11 during each ISI interval. Because these visual examinations will be performed during each ISI interval, a minimum of three examinations shall be performed every 10 years. Therefore, the proposed amendment to TS 5.5.2 will provide a level of quality and safety equivalent to the current TS requirements and is acceptable.

3.2 TS Administrative Controls, Section 5.0, 5.5.7 "Pre-stressed Concrete Containment Tendon Surveillance Program"

This section of the TS requires that the tendon surveillance program, inspection frequencies, and acceptance criteria be in accordance with RG 1.35, Revision 3, 1990. The licensee has proposed to delete the reference to RG 1.35 and replace it with a reference to Section XI, Subsection IWL of the ASME Code and applicable addenda as required by 10 CFR 50.55a, and amended by relief authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). Since the tendon inspection frequencies will be in accordance with Subsection IWL, the provisions of SR 3.0.2 would no longer apply and would be deleted.

As stated above, the regulations require licensees to implement Subsection IWL and complete expedited examinations no later than September 9, 2001. After completing the expedited post-tensioning system examinations during the Unit 2 refueling outage at the end-of-cycle 17, all future inservice inspection of containment post-tensioning systems will comply with Subsection IWL. The licensee's proposal to amend the TS to reference Subsection IWL and to delete reference to RG 1.35 conforms with the regulations is acceptable.

The licensee provided additional information regarding changes to Selected Licensee Commitment (SLC) 16.6.2 that will result from approval of this TS amendment. During the conversion from custom TS (CTS) to improved TS (ITS), the details of the containment tendon surveillance program required by ITS 5.5.7 were relocated from CTS 3.6.7 and 4.4.2 to SLC 16.6.2. Upon staff approval of this amendment, the licensee states that they will revise SLC 16.6.2 to reference the ASME XI Containment ISI Program and remove the details for inservice inspection of concrete containment post-tensioning system from the SLC. Figures 16.6.2-1, 16.6.2-2, and 16.6.2-3 specify the prescribed lower limit and the minimum required value of tendon force for hoop, dome, and vertical tendons. These figures will continue to remain in the SLC and, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the South Carolina State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. The State official had no comments.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts and no significant change in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (64 FR 62707). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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