

May 16, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator
/RA by L. Marsh Acting for/
FROM: Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager
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Non-Power Reactors Branch
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE -
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY LICENSE, PROPOSED NO
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION,
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING (TAC NO. MA8664)

GPU Nuclear, Inc. and Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation, Docket No. 50-146,

Saxton Nuclear Experimental Facility (SNEF), Bedford County, Pennsylvania

Date of amendment request: April 10, 2000

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would make changes to the organizational and administrative controls for the SNEF to reflect changes in GPU Nuclear, Inc. following the sale of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. The proposed changes to the technical specifications (TSs) would (1) replace reference to the President of GPU Nuclear and division Vice Presidents with a GPU Nuclear Cognizant Officer, (2) replace reference to "other GPU Nuclear personnel" with "other GPU Inc, personnel," (3) replace reference to the "Radiation Safety Committee" with the "TMI2/SNEC Oversight Committee," (4) replace "GPU Nuclear audit program procedures" with "approved Quality Assurance Plan procedures," and (5) make changes to the TSs to reflect changes to NRC organization.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensees have provided their analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

GPUN has determined that Technical Specifications Change request No. 60 involves no significant hazards consideration as defined in 10 CFR 50.92.

1. The proposed changes to the SNEC Technical Specifications do not involve a significant increase in the probability of occurrence or consequences of an accident or malfunction of equipment important to safety previously analyzed in the safety analysis report. The changes have no impact on plant operations or the release of radioactive materials.
2. The proposed changes to the SNEC Technical Specifications will not create the possibility for an accident or malfunction of a different type than any previously evaluated in the safety analysis report because no plant configuration or operational changes are involved.
3. The changes will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety as defined in the basis for any technical specification for SNEC because no change to operational limits will be made.

The NRC staff has reviewed the analysis of the licensees and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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