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VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

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VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 193
License No. DPR-28

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) dated December 14, 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 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;
 - 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 amended by changes to the Facility Operating License and Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 3.B of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 193, 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 60 days (including issuance of the ODCM, TRM, and PCP for use by licensee personnel), as was described in the licensee's application dated December 14, 1999, and evaluated in the staff's safety evaluation dated August 24, 2000.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

/RA/

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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

- Attachments:
1. Changes to the Technical Specifications
 2. Changes to the Operating License

Date of Issuance: August 24, 2000

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 193

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-28

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications and Operating License 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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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 193 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-28
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION
VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-271

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 14, 1999, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (the licensee) submitted a request to amend the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station Technical Specifications (TSs). The proposed amendment would revise the TSs to relocate procedural details contained in the radiological effluent technical specifications (RETS) into licensee-controlled documents in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidance on technical specifications (TSs) contained in Generic Letter (GL) 89-01 and NUREG-1433.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Section 182a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) requires applicants for nuclear power plant operating licenses to include the TSs as part of the license. The Commission's regulatory requirements related to the content of the TSs are set forth in 10 CFR 50.36. That regulation requires that the TSs include items in eight specific categories. The categories are (1) safety limits, limiting safety system settings, and limiting control settings; (2) limiting conditions for operation; (3) surveillance requirements; (4) design features; (5) administrative controls; (6) decommissioning; (7) initial notification; and (8) written reports. However, the regulation does not specify the particular requirements to be included in a plant's TSs.

10 CFR 50.36 specifies four criteria to be used in determining whether a particular matter is required to be included in a limiting condition for operation (LCO), as follows: (1) Installed instrumentation that is used to detect, and indicate in the control room, a significant abnormal degradation of the reactor coolant pressure boundary; (2) a process variable, design feature, or operating restriction that is an initial condition of a design-basis accident or transient analysis that either assumes the failure of, or presents a challenge to, the integrity of a fission product barrier; (3) a structure, system, or component that is part of the primary success path and which functions or actuates to mitigate a design-basis accident or transient that either assumes the failure of, or presents a challenge to, the integrity of a fission product barrier; or (4) a structure, system, or component which operating experience or probabilistic safety assessment has shown to be significant to public health and safety. LCOs and related requirements that fall within or satisfy any of the criteria in the regulation must be retained in the TSs, while those requirements that do not fall within or satisfy these criteria may be relocated to licensee-controlled documents. Vermont Yankee's Technical Requirements Manual (TRM), Process

Control Program (PCP), and Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM) are such licensee-controlled documents.

3.0 EVALUATION

3.1 Table of Contents

The Table of Contents (pages iii and iv) lists TSs 3/4.8.A through N and 3/4.9.A through E together with their Bases. The licensee has proposed to delete TS 3/4.8.A, B, C, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, N, and all of TS 3/4.9 together with its Bases.

The proposed changes are conforming changes that result from other changes to the TSs. The change to the Table of Contents is administrative with no impact of its own, therefore, the proposed changes are acceptable.

3.2 Technical Specification 1.0.DD, "Solidification"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition "Solidification" from TS 1.0.DD to the PCP.

The definition is no longer used in the TS and is being relocated to the PCP together with its applicable TS 4.8.N (see item 3.22 below). The deletion of the definition from the TS is administrative, with no impact of its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.3 Technical Specification 1.0.FF, "Site Boundary"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition "Site Boundary" from TS 1.0.FF to its Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM).

The definition is no longer used in the TS and is being relocated to the ODCM. The licensee's current TS 5.1 already adequately contains the information contained in this definition. The deletion of the definition from the TS is administrative, with no impact of its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.4 Technical Specification 1.0.II, "Off-Site Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM)"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition "Off-Site Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM)" from TS 1.0.II to its ODCM.

The definition is redundant to the licensee's current TS 6.7B, which already contains the information provided by this definition. The deletion of the definition from the TS is administrative, with no impact of its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public

health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.5 Technical Specification 1.0.JJ, "Process Control Program (PCP)"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition "Process Control Program (PCP)" from the TS to its TRM.

The definition is not used in the TS. The relocation of the PCP is administrative, with no impact on its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.6 Technical Specification 1.0.KK, "Gaseous Radwaste Treatment System"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition "Gaseous Radwaste Treatment System" from the TS to its ODCM. The definition is no longer used in the TS. The definition is being relocated to the ODCM together with its applicable TS, 3/4.8.H (see item 3.17 below). The relocation to the ODCM is administrative, with no impact on its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.7 Technical Specification 1.0.LL, "Ventilation Exhaust Treatment System"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition from the TS to its ODCM. The definition is no longer used in the TS. The definition is being relocated to the ODCM together with its applicable TS, 3/4.8.I (see item 3.18 below). The relocation of the definition is administrative, with no impact on its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.8 Technical Specification 1.0.MM, Vent/Purging"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the definition from the TS to its ODCM. With the relocation of RETS procedural details to the ODCM, the definition is no longer necessary in the TS. The relocation of the definition is administrative, with no impact on its own. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the staff notes that the proposed change is consistent with the guidance in NUREG-1433.

3.9 Bases to Technical Specification 3.2

The licensee is changing the Bases for the TS to replace the following words; "...as given in Specification 3.8.E.1.a." with the following: "...as set forth in the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual."

This is a conforming change that results from another change to the TS (see item 3.14 below). The change is administrative, with no impact on its own. The staff does not object to the proposed Bases change.

3.10 Bases to Technical Specification 3/4.6.B

The licensee is changing the Bases for the TS to replace the following words: "...as set forth in Specification 3.8.E.1, or if there is a failure..." with the following: "...as set forth in the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual, or if there is a failure..."

This is a conforming change that results from another change to the TS (see item 3.14 below). The change is administrative, with no impact on its own. The staff does not object to the proposed bases change.

3.11 Technical Specification 3/4.8.A, "Liquid Effluents: Concentration"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS and the associated Table 4.8.1 to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of radioactive liquid effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.b and c, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.12 Technical Specification 3/4.8.B, "Liquid Effluents: Dose"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of radioactive doses from liquid effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.d and e, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.13 Technical Specification 3/4.8.C, "Liquid Radwaste Treatment"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of radioactive doses from liquid effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.f, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.14 Technical Specification 3/4.8.E, "Gaseous Effluents: Dose Rate"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of doses from radioactive gaseous effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.c and g, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in Generic Letter 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.15 Technical Specification 3/4.8.F, "Gaseous Effluents: Dose from Noble Gases"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of doses from radioactive gaseous effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.c and g, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.16 Technical Specification 3/4.8.G, "Gaseous Effluents: Dose from Iodine-131, Iodine-133, Tritium, and Radionuclides in Particulate Form"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of doses from radioactive gaseous effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.e and i, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.17 Technical Specification 3/4.8.H, "Gaseous Radwaste Treatment"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of doses from radioactive gaseous effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.f, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural

requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.18 Technical Specification 3/4.8.I, "Ventilation Exhaust Treatment"

The licensee has proposed to relocate this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the control of doses from radioactive gaseous effluents are contained in TS 6.7.D.f, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.19 Technical Specification 4.8.K.1, "Steam Jet Air Ejector"

The licensee has proposed to change the wording, "The gross radioactivity release rate shall be continuously monitored in accordance with Specification 3.9.B." to the following: "The gross radioactivity release rate shall be continuously monitored in accordance with the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual." The reference to the TS is not necessary to assure compliance with the limiting condition for operation because the programmatic controls for functional capability of gaseous effluent instrumentation are included in TS 6.7.D.a, and will not be changed by this action, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.20 Technical Specification 3/4.8.L, "Primary Containment"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for limiting the dose rate from radioactive gaseous effluents to members of the public are contained in TS 6.7.D.g, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.21 Technical Specification 3/4.8.M, "Total Dose (40 CFR 190)"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for limiting the annual dose or dose commitment to members of the public are contained in TS 6.7.D.j, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.22 Technical Specification 3/4.8.N, "Solid Radioactive Waste"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the PCP. The licensee's TRM provides the administrative controls for the PCP. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in Generic Letter 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.23 Technical Specification 3/4.9.A, "Liquid Effluent Instrumentation"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The TS is comprised of the following sections; "Liquid Effluent Instrumentation," Table 3.9.1, "Radioactive Liquid Effluent Monitoring Instrumentation," and Table 4.9.1, "Radioactive Liquid Effluent Monitoring Instrumentation Surveillance Requirements."

The programmatic controls for radioactive liquid effluent monitoring instrumentation are contained in TS 6.7.D.a, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.24 Technical Specification 3/4.9.B, "Gaseous Effluent Instrumentation"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The TS is comprised of the following sections; "Gaseous Effluent Instrumentation," Table 3.9.2, "Gaseous Effluent Monitoring Instrumentation, and Table 4.9.2, "Gaseous Effluent Monitoring Instrumentation Surveillance Requirements."

A related change, which involves this TS, is that TS 4.8.J.1 will change the sentence from: "The concentration of hydrogen in the off-gas system downstream of the recombiners shall be continuously monitored by the hydrogen monitor required operable by Table 3.9.2." to the following: "The concentration of hydrogen in the off-gas system downstream of the recombiners shall be continuously monitored by the hydrogen monitor required operable by the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual."

The programmatic controls for radioactive gaseous effluent monitoring instrumentation are contained in TS 6.7.D.a, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and Generic Letter 95-10, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.25 Technical Specification 3/4.9.C, "Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The TS is comprised of the following sections; 3/4.9.C, "Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program," Table 3.9.3, "Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program", Table 4.9.4, "Reporting Levels for Radioactivity Concentrations in Environmental Samples", and Table 4.9.3, "Detection Capabilities for Environmental Sample Analysis."

The programmatic controls for the radiological environmental monitoring program are contained in TS 6.7.B, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.26 Technical Specification 3/4.9.D, "Land Use Census"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the land use census are contained in TS 6.7.B, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

3.27 Technical Specification 3/4.9.E, "Intercomparison Program"

The licensee has proposed to relocate the details of this TS to the ODCM. The programmatic controls for the intercomparison program are contained in TS 6.7.B, and will not be changed by this action. In accordance with the criteria in 10 CFR 50.36(c)(2) and the guidance contained in GL 89-01 and NUREG-1433, the detailed procedural requirements contained in this TS do not warrant inclusion in the TS. The relocated information is not required to be in the TS under 10 CFR 50.36 or §182a of the Atomic Energy Act, and is not required to obviate the possibility of an abnormal situation or event giving rise to an immediate threat to the public health and safety, therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in 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 amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (65 FR 6412). Accordingly, the amendment meets 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 amendment.

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 amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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