

August 30, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Joseph A. Murphy, Chairman */RA/*
Committee to Review Generic Requirements

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE CRGR MEETING NUMBER 351

The Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) met on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to hold the Committee's 351st meeting. Attachment 1 includes the attendance list.

Joseph Donoghue and Jared Wermiel (both of NRR) briefed the CRGR on the final rule amending 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Evaluation Models. Attachments 2 and 3 contain the presentation material and draft final rule. This was an information briefing on a rule amendment that the staff had previously briefed one year ago. CRGR had only minimal comments that were addressed satisfactorily, and concluded that the rule was acceptable.

The rule is being amended to allow licensees to reduce the assumed reactor power level used in evaluations of ECCS performance. This amendment provides licensees the option to apply a reduced margin for ECCS evaluation or to maintain the value of reactor power that had been mandated in the regulation. This action allows licensees to pursue small, but cost-beneficial, power uprates and reduce unnecessary burden without compromising the margin of safety.

The Committee asked if the licensee would still require a licensee amendment for a power uprate. Staff responded that the licensee would still be required to submit an amendment. The Committee asked the difference between licensee response before and after the rule, if it is determined that the uncertainty was greater than 2%. Staff answered that if found, the licensee has always had to fix the problem and will still be required to fix the problem after the new rule. The Committee inquired if the older instrumentation can be replaced with newer instrumentation using a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation. Staff responded that a 10 CFR 50.59 evaluation can be used to replace older instrumentation and that many licensees have already replaced the older instrumentation. The Committee commented that the Federal Register Notice was very well

prepared. Committee stated that this comment was outside the responsibility of CRGR, but that the staff needed to provide guidance to the inspectors. Staff agreed and pointed out that the Safety Evaluation Report could serve as some of that guidance.

Questions concerning these meeting minutes should be referred to Jose Ibarra (415-6345).

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