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Docket No.: 50-289

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The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 20 to Facility License No. DPR-50 for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your request dated June 3, 1976, as amended August 10, 1976.

This amendment revises the provisions in the Technical Specifications relating to the frequency for submitting routine reports on environmental surveillance programs. The new Environmental Technical Specification 5.6.1 incorporates the acceptable wording provided by Regulatory Guide 4.8 including the requirement for annual, rather than semiannual, reports.

Based on the experience of this facility, annual reporting is of sufficient frequency to provide adequate assessment of the environmental impacts of the facility's operation.

We have evaluated the potential for environmental impact of plant operation in accordance with the enclosed amendment and have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

This amendment applies only to reporting frequencies and does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a signifi-

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cant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have also concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action.

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A copy of the related Federal Register Notice is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reid, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #4 Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 20
- 2. Federal Register Notice

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