



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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July 28, 1993

Docket No. 50-286

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Dear Mr. Beedle:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING
UNIT NO. 3 (TAC NO. M86161)

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Sincerely,

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1. Amendment No. 136 to DPR-64
2. Safety Evaluation

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AMENDMENT NO. 136 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-64-INDIAN POINT UNIT 3

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POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

DOCKET NO. 50-286

INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 136
License No. DPR-64

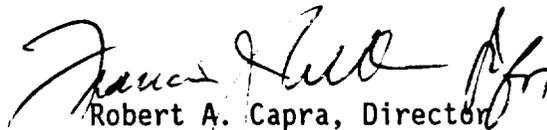
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee) dated April 9, 1993, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's 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 Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-64 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 136, 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 the date of its issuance to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment:
Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: July 28, 1993

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 136

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-64

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Revise Appendix A as follows:

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<u>Channel Description</u>	<u>Check</u>	<u>Calibrate</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
23. Temperature Sensor in Auxiliary Boiler Feedwater Pump Building	N.A.	N.A.	18M	
24. Temperature Sensors in Primary Auxiliary Building				
a. Piping Penetration Area	N.A.	N.A.	24M	
b. Mini-Containment Area	N.A.	N.A.	24M	
c. Steam Generator Blowdown Heat Exchanger Room	N.A.	N.A.	24M	
25. Level Sensors in Turbine Building	N.A.	N.A.	24M	
26. Volume Control Tank Level	N.A.	18M	N.A.	
27. Boric Acid Makeup Flow Channel	N.A.	18M	N.A.	
28. Auxiliary Feedwater:				
a. Steam Generator Level	S	18M	Q	Low-Low
b. Undervoltage	N.A.	18M	18M	
c. Main Feedwater Pump Trip	N.A.	N.A.	18M	
29. Reactor Coolant System Subcooling Margin Monitor	D	18M	N.A.	
30. PORV Position Indicator	N.A.	N.A.	24M	Limit Switch
31. PORV Position Indicator	D	24M	24M	Acoustic Monitor
32. Safety Valve Position Indicator	D	24M	24M	Acoustic Monitor
33. Auxiliary Feedwater Flow Rate	N.A.	18M	N.A.	



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 136 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-64
POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING UNIT NO. 3
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated April 9, 1993, the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 (IP3), Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise TS Table 4.1-1 to change the frequency of turbine building water level sensor testing to accommodate operating on a 24-month fuel cycle. The licensee commenced operating on a 24-month fuel cycle, instead of the previous 18-month fuel cycle, with fuel cycle 9. Fuel cycle 9 started in August 1992. The proposed change follows the guidance provided in Generic Letter (GL) 91-04, "Changes in Technical Specification Surveillance Intervals to Accommodate a 24-Month Fuel Cycle," as applicable.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee considered the following factors in evaluating the turbine building water level sensor testing interval extension from 18 to 24 months:

- ° Does on-line testing adequately demonstrate operability or are failures only being detected during these refueling tests?
- ° Did past equipment performance have an effect on system safety functions?
- ° Does performing the surveillance test at power present an unacceptable burden?

The circulating water system consists, in part, of six pumps that supply Hudson River water to the main condenser, which is located in the turbine building. Each circulating water pump can provide a flowrate of 140,000 gpm. Located in the adjoining control building is vital 480 Vac electrical switchgear. To prevent disabling this switchgear in the event of flooding due to circulating water system line or expansion joint failure, a 4-foot high dike is located around the entrance to the 15' elevation of the control building. In addition, redundant level alarm switches, which provide

indication in the control room, are located in the condenser trench (pipe tunnel) at the 3'3" elevation of the turbine building. These two features allow the operator at least 20 minutes to investigate a flooding problem and take appropriate action.

The purpose of the turbine building water level sensor refueling test is to demonstrate operability of those level sensors in the condenser trench. The licensee stated that the testing includes: 1) manually manipulating the float ball upward to actuate the sensor, 2) verifying the "Condenser Trench Hi Water Level" alarm annunciates in the control room, 3) inspecting the conditions of the contact wires, and 4) verifying free vertical movement of the float ball.

The licensee reviewed data from 1986 to 1990 related to turbine building water level sensor testing. The data indicated that all tests were satisfactory. There was one maintenance activity that replaced a switch assembly and repaired conductor insulation; however, on-line inspection detected the deficiency, not the refueling test. Based on the results of the review, the licensee concluded that this surveillance test interval could be extended since the turbine building water level sensors have proven to be reliable and there was no evidence that level sensor performance was a function of the surveillance interval.

The licensee stated that although the level sensors could be tested at power, past test results, on-line testing, and the fact that there are redundant level sensors provide adequate assurance that the surveillance interval can be extended. Extending the surveillance interval will decrease the overall burden of surveillance testing. The licensee has evaluated the effect of the increase in the surveillance interval on safety for the proposed change and has concluded that the effect is small. The licensee has confirmed that historical plant maintenance and surveillance data do not invalidate this conclusion. In addition, the increase in the surveillance interval to accommodate a 24-month fuel cycle does not invalidate any assumption in the IP3 licensing basis.

The staff has reviewed the information presented by the licensee and concludes that the proposed change does not have a significant effect on safety. Therefore, the proposed change is acceptable. In addition, the proposed change follows the guidance of GL 91-04, as applicable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 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 and changes surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves 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 amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (58 FR 30199). 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.

5.0 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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