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AMENDMENT RE: DUAL-ROLE SHIFT TECHNICAL ADVISOR
(TAC NO. MA9964)

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A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

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DOCKET NO. 50-219

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 220
License No. DPR-16

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC, et al., (the licensee), dated August 29, 2000, 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-16 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 220 , are hereby incorporated in the license. AmerGen Energy Company, LLC, shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment: Changes to the Technical
Specifications

Date of Issuance: April 27, 2001

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 220

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-16

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A, Technical Specifications, with the attached revised pages as indicated. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

Remove

6-1

6-2

6-2a

Insert

6-1

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 220

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-16

AMERGEN ENERGY COMPANY, LCC

OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 29, 2000, the AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen or the licensee) submitted a request for revisions to the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station (Oyster Creek) Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would revise the TSs in the "Administrative Controls" section regarding certain position titles and the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) staffing requirement to allow one of the required on-shift Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) positions to be combined with the required STA position so as to serve in a dual SRO/STA position.

2.0 EVALUATION

By letter dated August 29, 2000, AmerGen submitted Technical Specification Change Request 277 (TSCR 277) for Oyster Creek. The purpose of TSCR 277 is to make administrative changes in the "Administrative Controls" section of the TSs to certain position titles and to change the STA staffing requirement to allow one of the required on-shift SRO positions to be combined with the required STA position so as to serve in a dual-role SRO/STA position. This action requires revisions to TS 6.1.1, TS 6.2.2.2(a), TS 6.2.2.2(h), and TS 6.2.2.2(j).

TSCR 277 proposes changes to bring Oyster Creek position titles into conformance with other AmerGen sites. The current position of "Director - Operations and Maintenance" is being eliminated and is being replaced by two positions, "Plant Manager" and "Director - Maintenance". The "Plant Manager" will maintain all operational responsibilities currently held by the "Director - Operations and Maintenance". The "Director - Maintenance" will maintain all maintenance responsibilities currently held by the "Director - Operations and Maintenance".

Also AmerGen proposes to revise the position title "Group Shift Supervisor" to "Shift Manager", position title "Control Room Operators" to "licensed Nuclear Plant Operators", and position title "Plant Operations Director" to "Senior Manager - Operation". Finally, the position title referred to as "Three (3) equipment operators - one may be a Radwaste Operator" is being changed to "Three (3) licensed or non-licensed Nuclear Plant Operators".

The title "Director - Operations and Maintenance" is being changed to "Plant Manager" in two places in TS 6.1.1. The title "Group Shift Supervisor" is being changed to "Shift Manager" in two places in TS 6.2.2.2(a) and in one place in TS 6.2.2.2(j). The title "Control Room Operators" is being changed to "licensed Nuclear Plant Operators" in TS 6.2.2.2(a) and TS 6.2.2.2(j). The title "Plant Operations Director" is being changed to Senior Manager - Operation" in TS 6.2.2.2(j). The title referred to as "Three (3) equipment operators - one may be a Radwaste Operator" is being changed to "Three (3) licensed or non-licensed Nuclear Plant Operators" in TS 6.2.2.2(a). The licensee has stated that the technical requirements for the position are not being changed. Bracketed Standard Technical Specification position titles allow a facility to adjust position titles to conform to their organization. Therefore, the request to change position titles is an administrative change and is acceptable.

TSCR 277 also proposes to modify TS 6.2.2.2(h) to allow either a dual-role SRO/STA or a "stand alone" STA to fill the currently required dedicated STA position. Implementation of this change will result in personnel with enhanced operational knowledge being assigned to perform the STA function.

Generic Letter 86-04, "Policy Statement on Engineering Expertise On Shift" offered licensees two options for meeting the requirements for providing engineering expertise on shift. Option 1 allowed for the elimination of a separate STA position by allowing one of the required SRO positions to be combined with the STA position into a dual-role SRO/STA position. Option 2 allowed for continuation of an NRC-approved STA program. The NRC continues to encourage licensees to use Option 1, the dual-role SRO/STA.

Oyster Creek has measures in place to ensure the individuals filling the dual-role SRO/STA position satisfy the STA knowledge/experience requirements of TS 6.3.3 and that when the dual-role SRO/STA position is utilized, compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(m)(2)(i) and TS are maintained.

The requested change conforms to existing policy guidance and the licensee has measures in place to ensure the requirements of TS and 10 CFR 50.52(m)(2)(i) are met and is acceptable.

The staff has reviewed the proposed changes to the Oyster Creek TS Sections 6.1.1, 6.2.2.2(a), 6.2.2.2(h), and 6.2.2.2(j). The licensee's proposed changes in position titles and the creation of a dual-role SRO/STA position are consistent with and meet the intent of the relevant review criteria. Therefore, the proposed changes to Oyster Creek TSs are acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this 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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