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SUBJECT: EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF 10 CFR PART 50, APPENDIX R,
SECTION III.J, EMERGENCY LIGHTING - CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M99791 AND M99792)

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A copy of the exemption and the supporting safety evaluation is enclosed. The exemption is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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(Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power)	
Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2))	

EXEMPTION

I.

The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-53 and DPR-69, which authorize operation of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (the facilities), respectively. The licenses provide, among other things, that the facilities are subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facilities are pressurized-water reactors located at the licensee's site in Calvert County, Maryland.

The licensee, in letters dated October 6, 1997, and July 22, 1998, requested an exemption from the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J, Emergency lighting, as follows: (1) to be allowed to use security lighting required by 10 CFR 73.55, powered by the security emergency diesel generator, for exterior lighting in lieu of 8-hour battery powered emergency lighting units, (2) to be able to use portable lights powered by an 8-hour power supply, for actions in high radiation areas, in lieu of 8-hour battery powered emergency lighting units, and (3) to be able to use helmet lanterns inside of switchgear cabinets, again in lieu of 8-hour battery powered emergency lighting units.

II.

Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 applies to nuclear power plants that were operating prior to January 1, 1979. Unit 1 of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant was licensed to operate July 31, 1974, and Unit 2 was licensed to operate on November 30, 1976.

Section III.J of Appendix R specifies that emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour battery supply shall be provided in all areas needed for operation of safe shutdown equipment and in access and egress routes thereto. The licensee has not provided 8-hour battery supplied emergency lighting units in plant exterior areas, inside of electrical cabinets, or in high radiation areas that require such units under Section III.J.

The licensee proposed to credit the security lighting system, required by 10 CFR 73.55, which is backed by a security emergency diesel generator, for exterior lighting in lieu of 8-hour battery powered emergency lighting units. The licensee stated that the security lighting system is powered by an independent, uninterruptible power supply. According to the licensee, the generator backing the security lighting system is located in a separate structure from other plant area buildings and would not be affected by a fire requiring safe shutdown. The licensee stated that the generator is maintained with a fuel supply greater than 8 hours. The licensee also stated that the security lighting system, which meets the illumination requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, provides more than adequate illumination for exterior access and egress routes inside of the security protected area.

The licensee also proposed to be able to use portable lights in high radiation areas in lieu of fixed emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour battery power supply. The exemption to permit this was requested to reduce radiation exposure to levels as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) by eliminating emergency lighting testing and maintenance in high radiation areas. According to the licensee, the licensee's battery-powered portable lights

have a wide base and are designed to be placed on the floor adjacent to the proposed work activity. The position of the lamp head can be adjusted to provide illumination necessary to perform the required work at the activity site. The lights are stored in a controlled cabinet near the activity sites, are dedicated for Appendix R safe shutdown activities, and are periodically tested. The lights have an 8-hour capacity. The licensee stated that fixed emergency lighting units are provided on the access and egress routes to the cabinet which contains the portable lights and to the entrance to the high radiation areas. According to the licensee, activities requiring the use of the portable lights are cold shutdown activities and are not time critical. In addition, the reduction of personnel radiation exposure from maintenance is in accordance with other NRC requirements. The portable lights, according to the licensee, would enable the performance in locked high radiation areas of limited non-time critical safe shutdown activities.

Finally, the licensee proposed to be able to use helmet mounted lights inside switchgear cabinets in lieu of fixed emergency lighting units specified by Section III.J of Appendix R. The licensee stated that due to space limitations and seismic qualification requirements, installation of fixed emergency lighting units is not feasible. Emergency lighting units installed outside of the cabinets may not provide adequate lighting for the activity inside of the cabinet due to shadows cast by the operator. Activities performed inside of the cabinets requiring the use of helmet lights are limited to pulling fuses to isolate the cabinet from fire effects, according to the licensee. The helmet lights are stored inside of the Appendix R safe shutdown locker for each unit. This locker also contains the safe shutdown procedures and the locker is the first stop for the operators upon control room evacuation. The helmet mounted lights consist of a light head attached to a wide rubber band that is placed around a hardhat. A belt with two attached battery packs (each weighing about one pound) and a connector to attach the lamps to the battery completes the assembly. The helmet lights for

pulling fuses inside of electrical switchgear, according to the licensee, will provide an adequate method of providing the necessary illumination to accomplish the limited activities.

III.

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J, is to provide adequate illumination to assure the capability of performing all necessary safe shutdown functions, as well as to assure personnel movement to and from the equipment and components that must be manually operated by plant personnel to effect safe shutdown during emergencies. In addition, the illumination must have a capability to allow sufficient time for normal lighting to be restored. The staff has determined that the security lighting, portable lights, and helmet lights, as described by the licensee and discussed above, satisfy the underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix R, Section III.J.

IV.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption requested is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. The Commission further has determined that special circumstances, as provided in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), are present in that application of the regulation in the particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Therefore, the licensee's request for an exemption from the requirements of Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, to the extent applicable to the areas and locations described by the licensee in its application, is granted, provided the licensee's proposed alternative lighting arrangements are implemented.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting the above exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (64 FR 14275).

The subject exemption is effective from the date of issuance.

Dated this 7th day of April 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY
THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
REGARDING LICENSEE REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM
SECTION III.J OF APPENDIX R TO 10 CFR PART 50
CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-317 AND 50-318

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Appendix R, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, establishes fire protection features required to satisfy General Design Criterion 3, "Fire protection," of Appendix A to 10 CFR Part 50 with respect to certain generic issues for nuclear power plants licensed to operate prior to January 1, 1979. Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Unit 1 was licensed to operate on July 31, 1974, and Unit 2 was licensed to operate on November 30, 1976. By letter dated October 6, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated July 22, 1998, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, the licensee for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, requested an exemption from certain technical requirements of Appendix R.

2.0 EXEMPTION REQUESTED

The licensee requested exemptions from certain technical requirements of Section III.J, "Emergency lighting," of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 to the extent that it requires that Emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour battery supply be provided in all areas needed for operation of safe shutdown equipment and in access and egress routes thereto. Specifically, the licensee requested the following exemptions:

1. To credit security lighting, required by 10 CFR 73.55, powered by the security emergency diesel generator, for exterior lighting in lieu of 8-hour battery powered lighting,
2. To use portable lights, powered by an 8-hour battery supply, for actions in high radiation areas, and;
3. To use helmet lanterns inside of switchgear cabinets.

The purpose of the Emergency lighting requirement was to aid the access to equipment and components that must be operated by plant personnel to effect safe plant shutdown during plant emergencies. Because such emergencies may extend over a considerable amount of time, an 8-hour battery was required.

3.0 DISCUSSION

Section 50.48 of 10 CFR Part 50 specifies that Section III.J of Appendix R applies to nuclear power plants that were licensed to operate prior to January 1, 1979. Unit 1 of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant was licensed to operate on July 31, 1974, and Unit 2 was licensed to operate on November 30, 1976. Therefore, Section III.J of Appendix R applies to Calvert Cliffs. Section III.J of Appendix R specifies that Emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour battery supply shall be provided in all areas needed for operation of safe shutdown equipment and in access and egress routes thereto.

The licensee proposal for the Emergency lighting does not meet the technical requirements of Appendix R because 8-hour battery supplied lighting is not provided in plant exterior areas, inside of electrical cabinets, or in high radiation areas.

4.0 EVALUATION

The licensee stated that the security lighting diesel and wiring was an independent, uninterruptible power supply. The security lighting system is backed by a security emergency diesel generator that is located in a separate structure from other plant area buildings and would not be affected by a fire requiring safe shutdown. The licensee stated that the diesel was maintained with a fuel supply greater than the 8 hours required by Appendix R. The lighting requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, required to implement security requirements, provide sufficient illumination for exterior access and egress routes inside of the security protected area. The security lighting system provides an equivalent lighting for access and egress routes for exterior areas.

The licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix R, Section III.J for the limited activities requiring Emergency lighting in high radiation areas. The exemption was requested to reduce radiation exposure as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) by eliminating Emergency lighting testing and maintenance in high radiation areas. The licensee hand held lanterns have a wide base and are designed to be placed on the floor adjacent to the proposed work activity. The position of the light will then be adjusted to provide illumination at the activity site. The lights are positioned in a controlled cabinet near the work activity, the lights are dedicated for Appendix R safe shutdown activities, and the lights are periodically tested. The lights have an 8-hour capacity. Emergency lighting is provided on the access and egress routes to the cabinet which contains the portable lights and to the entrance to the high radiation areas. Activities requiring the use of the portable lanterns are cold shutdown activities and are not time critical. The reduction of personnel radiation exposure from maintenance is in accordance with other NRC requirements. The portable lanterns would provide an acceptable method for providing Emergency lighting, as described by the licensee, in locked high radiation areas which require limited non-time critical safe shutdown activities.

The licensee proposed using helmet lanterns for operators to use inside electrical cabinets. Insufficient space exists within some electrical cabinets to install an 8-hour battery pack light. Emergency lighting units installed outside of the cabinet may not provide adequate lighting to the activity inside of the cabinet due to shadows cast by the operator. Activities performed inside of the cabinets requiring the use of helmet lights are limited to pulling fuses to isolate the cabinet from fire effects. The helmet lights are stored inside of the Appendix R Safe Shutdown

Locker for each unit. This locker also contains the safe shutdown procedures and the locker is the first stop for the operators upon control room evacuation. The helmet mounted lights consist of a light head attached to a wide rubber band that is placed around a hardhat. A belt with two attached battery packs (each weighing about one pound) and a connector to attach the lamps to the battery completes the assembly. The helmet lanterns for pulling fuses inside of electrical switchgear, as described by the licensee, will provide an adequate method of providing adequate illumination to accomplish the limited activity.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J is to ensure that adequate lighting is available to aid the operator for an extended time during plant fire emergencies. Inside of electrical cabinets, where installation of 8-hours battery supplied lighting is not achievable, the helmet lights and exterior 8-hour lights accomplish the purpose of achieving adequate Emergency lighting. For limited activities inside of normally locked high radiation areas, the licensee would provide 8-hour battery supplied portable lighting, for exterior lighting the licensee provides adequate lighting using a system required by NRC regulations for security.

On the basis of its evaluation, the staff concluded that the security lighting, portable lighting, and helmet lights, as described by the licensee satisfy the underlying purpose of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.J to provide 8-hour lighting to aid access to equipment during plant emergencies. Therefore, the licensee's request for an exemption from full compliance with Section III.J of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, as described above, should be granted.

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