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SUBJECT: SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M95245
AND M95246)

Dear Mr. Eliason:

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These amendments change the TS to implement 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Option B, for the Type A test by referring to Regulatory Guide 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leakage-Test Program."

A copy of our 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 Nos. 50-272/311

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DOCKET NO. 50-272

SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 184
License No. DPR-70

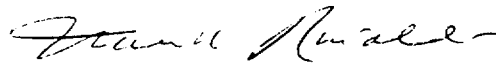
1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or the NRC) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment filed by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Philadelphia Electric Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees) dated April 22, 1996, as supplemented June 12, 1996, 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 set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - 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-70 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 184, 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 its date of 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 11, 1996

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 184

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-70

DOCKET NO. 50-272

Revise Appendix A as follows:

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CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.6.1.2 Containment leakage rates shall be limited to:

- a. An overall integrated leakage rate of $\leq La$, 0.10 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at design pressure, (47.0 psig).
- b. A combined leakage rate of $\leq 0.60 La$ for all penetrations and valves subject to Type B and C tests as identified in Table 3.6-1, when pressurized to Pa.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With either (a) the measured overall integrated containment leakage rate exceeding $0.75 La$, or (b) with the measured combined leakage rate for all penetrations and valves subject to Types B and C tests exceeding $0.60 La$, restore the leakage rate(s) to within the limit(s) prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.6.1.2 The containment leakage rates shall be demonstrated as follows:

- a. Type A tests shall be in accordance with 10CFR 50.54(0) in conformance with Appendix J of 10CFR 50, Option B, using the methods and provisions of Regulatory Guide 1.163, September 1995 as modified by approved exemptions.
- b. Type B and C tests shall be conducted in conformance with Appendix J of 10CFR 50, Option A, with gas at design pressure (47.0 psig) at intervals no greater than 24 months except for tests involving air locks.
- c. Air locks shall be tested and demonstrated OPERABLE in conformance with Appendix J of 10CFR 50, Option A, per Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.3.

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CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

CONTAINMENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

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3.6.1.6 The structural integrity of the containment shall be maintained at a level consistent with the acceptance criteria in Specification 4.6.1.6.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With the structural integrity of the containment not conforming to the above requirements, restore the structural integrity to within the limits prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.6.1.6.1 Containment Surfaces The structural integrity of the exposed accessible interior and exterior surfaces of the containment, including the liner plate, shall be determined by a visual inspection of these surfaces. This inspection shall be performed prior to the Type A containment leakage rate test (reference Specification 4.6.1.2) to verify no apparent changes in appearance or other abnormal degradation. If the Type A test is performed at 10 year intervals, two additional inspections shall be performed at approximately equal intervals during shutdowns between Type A tests.

4.6.1.6.2 Reports Any abnormal degradation of the containment structure detected during the above required inspections shall be evaluated for reportability pursuant to 10CFR50.72 and 10CFR50.73. The evaluation shall be documented and shall include a description of the condition of the concrete, the inspection procedure, the tolerances on cracking, and the corrective action taken.



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SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NO. 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 166
License No. DPR-75

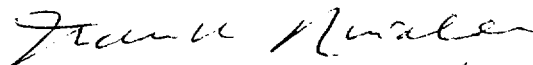
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2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-75 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications and Environmental Protection Plan

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 166, 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 its date of issuance, to be implemented within 30 days.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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Attachment: Changes to the Technical
Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 166

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-75

DOCKET NO. 50-311

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CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

CONTAINMENT LEAKAGE

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.6.1.2 Containment leakage rates shall be limited to:

- a. An overall integrated leakage rate of less than or equal to L_a , 0.10 percent by weight of the containment air per 24 hours at design pressure (47.0 psig).
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APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With either (a) the measured overall integrated containment leakage rate exceeding 0.75 L_a , or (b) with the measured combined leakage rate for all penetrations and valves subject to Types B and C tests exceeding 0.60 L_a , restore the overall integrated leakage rate to less than or equal to 0.75 L_a and the combined leakage rate for all penetrations subject to Type B and C tests to less than or equal to 0.60 L_a prior to increasing the Reactor Coolant System temperature above 200°F.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

CONTAINMENT STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

LIMITING CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

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3.6.1.6 The structural integrity of the containment shall be maintained at a level consistent with the acceptance criteria in Specification 4.6.1.6.

APPLICABILITY: MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ACTION:

With the structural integrity of the containment not conforming to the above requirements, restore the structural integrity to within the limits within 24 hours or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NOS. 184 AND 166 TO FACILITY OPERATING
LICENSE NOS. DPR-70 AND DPR-75
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY
DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY
SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311

1.0 INTRODUCTION

On September 12, 1995, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved issuance of a revision to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, "Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooled Power Reactors" which was subsequently published in the Federal Register on September 26, 1995, and became effective on October 26, 1995. The NRC added Option B "Performance-Based Requirements" to allow licensees to voluntarily replace the prescriptive testing requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, with testing requirements based on both overall leakage rate performance and the performance of individual components.

By application dated April 22, 1996, as supplemented June 12, 1996, the Public Service Electric & Gas Company (the licensee) requested changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) for Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. The proposed changes would permit implementation of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Option B, for the Type A containment integrated leak rate tests. The TS contain a reference to Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.163, "Performance-Based Containment Leak-Test Program," dated September 1995 which specifies a method acceptable to the NRC for complying with Appendix J, Option B. The June 12, 1996, letter provided clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination nor the original Federal Register notice.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Compliance with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, provides assurance that the primary containment, including those systems and components which penetrate the primary containment, do not exceed the allowable leakage rate specified in the TSs and Bases. The allowable leakage rate is determined so that the leakage assumed in the safety analyses is not exceeded.

On February 4, 1992, the NRC published a notice in the Federal Register (57 FR 4166) discussing a planned initiative to begin eliminating requirements marginal to safety which impose a significant regulatory burden. Appendix J of 10 CFR Part 50 was considered for this initiative and the staff undertook a study of possible changes to this regulation. The study examined the previous performance history of domestic containments and examined the effect on risk of a revision to the requirements of Appendix J. The results of this study are reported in NUREG-1493, "Performance-Based Leak-Test Program."

Based on the results of this study, the staff developed a performance-based approach to containment leakage rate testing. On September 12, 1995, the NRC approved issuance of this revision to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, which was subsequently published in the Federal Register on September 26, 1995, and became effective on October 26, 1995. The revision added Option B "Performance-Based Requirements" to Appendix J to allow licensees to voluntarily replace the prescriptive testing requirements of Appendix J with testing requirements based on both overall and individual component leakage rate performance.

Regulatory Guide 1.163, was developed as a method acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing Option B. This regulatory guide states that the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance document NEI 94-01, "Industry Guideline for Implementing Performance-Based Option of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J" provides methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with Option B with four exceptions which are described therein.

Option B requires that the RG or other implementation document used by a licensee to develop a performance-based leakage rate testing program must be included, by general reference, in the plant TS. The licensee has referenced RG 1.163 in the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2 TSs.

Regulatory Guide 1.163 specifies an extension in Type A test frequency to at least one test in 10 years based upon two consecutive successful tests. Type B tests may be extended up to a maximum interval of 10 years based upon completion of two consecutive successful tests and Type C tests may be extended up to 5 years based on two consecutive successful tests.

By letter dated October 20, 1995, NEI proposed TSs to implement Option B. After some discussion, the staff and NEI agreed on final TSs which were attached to a letter from C. Grimes (NRC) to D. Modeen (NEI) dated November 2, 1995. These TSs are to serve as a model for licensees to develop plant specific TSs in preparing amendment requests to implement Option B.

For a licensee to determine the performance of each component, factors that are indicative of or affect performance, such as an administrative leakage limit, must be established. The administrative limit is selected to be indicative of the potential onset of component degradation. Although these

limits are subject to NRC inspection to assure that they are selected in a reasonable manner, they are not TS requirements. Failure to meet an administrative limit requires the licensee to return to the minimum value of the test interval.

Option B requires that the licensee maintain records to show that the criteria for Type A, B and C tests have been met. In addition, the licensee must maintain comparisons of the performance of the overall containment system and the individual components to show that the test intervals are adequate. These records are subject to NRC inspection.

3.0 EVALUATION

The licensee's April 22, and June 12, 1996, letters to the NRC propose to incorporate a reference to RG 1.163 directly into the TSs. RG 1.163 specifies a method acceptable to the NRC for complying with Option B. This requires a change to existing TSs 4.6.1.2 and 4.6.1.6.

TS 4.6.1.2 has been modified to require that the Type A containment leakage rate tests shall be demonstrated in accordance with Appendix J of 10 CFR Part 50, Option B, as modified by approved exemptions, using the methods and provisions of RG 1.163. In addition, Type B and C tests and air lock tests shall be demonstrated in accordance with Appendix J of 10 CFR Part 50, Option A.

TS 4.6.1.6 has been modified to require two additional inspections of containment surfaces at approximately equal intervals during shutdowns between Type A tests, if Type A tests are performed at 10-year intervals.

The TS changes proposed by the licensee are in compliance with the requirements of Option B and consistent with the guidance of RG 1.163 and the model TSs of the November 2, 1995, letter and, therefore, acceptable to the staff.

4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change 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 change surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve 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 amendments involve no significant hazards

consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (61 FR 20856). Accordingly, the amendments meet 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 amendments.

6.0 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 amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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