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Docket Nos.: 50-269, 50-270  
and 50-287

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sholly Coordinator

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BI-WEEKLY FR NOTICE -  
NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT  
TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE AND PROPOSED NO  
SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION  
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING (TACS)

Duke Power Company, Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287, Oconee Nuclear  
Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, Oconee County, South Carolina

Date of amendment request: April 10, 1987

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendments would revise the  
Station's common Technical Specifications (TSs) to revise TS 6.1.1.4 and  
allow the Superintendent of Operations to hold or have held either a  
senior reactor operator (SRO) license or SRO certification. The current  
TSs require that an SRO license is required to be held or have been held  
for this position. The licensee proposes to include the option of SRO  
certification.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: The  
proposed amendment revises the requirements for holding the Superintendent  
of Operations position at Oconee. The requirements are specified in  
Section 6.1.1.4 in the Administrative Controls/Organization Section.  
Presently the Superintendent of Operations must hold or have held an SRO  
license. This proposed amendment includes an option to the requirement so  
an SRO certification will also qualify a candidate for the Superintendent  
position.

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To ensure the quality of operations through qualified management, the licensee has developed an SRO certification program to provide a course of study and experiences similar to that of an SRO during normal and abnormal conditions. The licensee SRO certification program was designed for non-licensed management personnel who are required to have an understanding of plant operations. The certification program training is equivalent to the SRO license training and is administered through completion of an NRC format audit exam which certifies technical competence of trainees. This audit exam consists of a written exam, simulator operation and plant walkthrough examination. Candidates for certification do not take the NRC license exam since their positions do not require actual operating of the plant.

The licensee states that the SRO certification program was based on ANSI 3.1 Standards, previous commitments and the NRC approved Cold License Certification program. The SRO license Preparatory Program is an INPO accredited program and is approved by the NRC. The licensee has defined this program and the SRO Certification Program in the Employee Training and Qualification Manual. The licensee determined that the SRO Certification Program meets or exceeds ANSI 3.1 Standards thus providing adequate technical knowledge to qualify management personnel to assume the responsibilities of the Superintendent of Operations.

The Commission has provided standards (10 CFR 50.92(c)) for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists. A proposed amendment to an operating license for a facility involves no significant

hazards consideration if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. The details of position requirements are included in the Administrative Controls section of the TSs and have no impact on the probability or consequences of any accident analysis.

The proposed amendment would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated because the change offers an option to qualify for Superintendent of Operations.

The proposed amendment would not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Inclusion of the SRO certification may prove to be an acceptable experience alternative and may not lower the quality standards that the licensee maintains in nuclear station personnel.

Therefore, the proposed action would not: (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

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On this basis the Commission proposes to determine that the application involves no significant hazards consideration.

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