

Docket Nos. 50-413
and 50-414

August 30, 1990

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Dear Mr. Tucker:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 78 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO. 72 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52 - CATAWBA
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 (TACS 69503/69504)

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 78 to Facility Operating License NPF-35 and Amendment No. 72 to Facility Operating License NPF-52 for the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. These amendments consist of changes to Technical Specification (TSs) in response to your application dated December 21, 1987, as supplemented July 14, 1989, April 19, and June 12, 1990.

The amendments modify TS 3/4.7.6, "Control Room Area Ventilation System," and its associated Bases. These amendments clarify the Action Statement for Modes 5 and 6 (Cold Shutdown and Refueling) by eliminating a statement regarding flow through the HEPA filters and activated carbon adsorbers; replace the Unit 1 bypass leakage acceptance criteria with the more conservative Unit 2 criteria; replace the methyl iodide penetration testing criteria with more conservative criteria to meet the intent of Regulatory Guide 1.52; and extend the sampling interval of the carbon adsorbers of the Control Room Area Ventilation System from 720 hours to 1440 hours.

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

Sincerely,

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AMENDMENT NO. 78 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35 - Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1
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DUKE POWER COMPANY
NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
SALUDA RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
DOCKET NO. 50-413
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1
AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 78
License No. NPF-35

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 filed by the Duke Power Company acting for itself, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (licensees) dated December 21, 1987, as supplemented July 14, 1989, April 19, and June 12, 1990, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as 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.

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2. Accordingly, the license is hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 78 , and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this license. Duke Power Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Robert N. Johnson
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Attachment:
Technical Specification Changes

Date of Issuance: August 30, 1990



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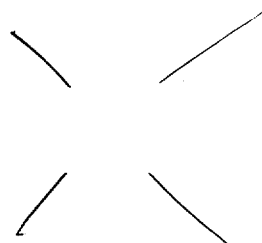
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CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 72
License No. NPF-52

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the Catawba Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (the facility) Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 filed by the Duke Power Company acting for itself, North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1 and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (licensees) dated December 21, 1987, as supplemented July 14, 1989, April 19, and June 12, 1990, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations as 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 hereby amended by page changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 72, and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, both of which are attached hereto, are hereby incorporated into this license. Duke Power Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Attachment:
Technical Specification Changes

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 78

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-35

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TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 72

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-52

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix "A" Technical Specifications with the enclosed pages. The revised pages are identified by Amendment number and contain vertical lines indicating the areas of change.

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3/4.7.6 CONTROL ROOM AREA VENTILATION SYSTEM

LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

3.7.6 Two independent Control Room Area Ventilation Systems shall be OPERABLE.

APPLICABILITY: ALL MODES

ACTION: (Units 1 and 2)

MODES 1, 2, 3 and 4:

With one Control Room Area Ventilation System inoperable, restore the inoperable system to OPERABLE status within 7 days or be in at least HOT STANDBY within the next 6 hours and in COLD SHUTDOWN within the following 30 hours.

MODES 5 and 6:

- a. With one Control Room Area Ventilation System inoperable, restore the inoperable system to OPERABLE status within 7 days or initiate and maintain operation of the remaining OPERABLE Control Room Area Ventilation System.
- b. With both Control Room Area Ventilation Systems inoperable, or with the OPERABLE Control Room Area Ventilation System, required to be operating by ACTION a., not capable of being powered by an OPERABLE emergency power source, suspend all operations involving CORE ALTERATIONS or positive reactivity changes.
- c. The provisions of Specification 3.0.4 are not applicable.

SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

4.7.6 Each Control Room Area Ventilation System shall be demonstrated OPERABLE:

- a. At least once per 12 hours by verifying that the control room air temperature is less than or equal to 90°F;
- b. At least once per 31 days on a STAGGERED TEST BASIS by initiating, from the control room, flow through the HEPA filters and activated carbon adsorbers and verifying that the system operates for at least 10 continuous hours with the heaters operating;

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- c. At least once per 18 months or (1) after any structural maintenance on the HEPA filter or activated carbon adsorber housings, or (2) following painting, fire, or chemical release in any ventilation zone communicating with the system by:
- 1) Verifying that the cleanup system satisfies the in-place penetration and bypass leakage testing acceptance criteria of less than 0.05% and uses the test procedure guidance in Regulatory Position C.5.a, C.5.c, and C.5.d* of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revisions 2, March 1978, and the system flow rate is 6000 cfm \pm 10%;
 - 2) Verifying, within 31 days after removal, that a laboratory analysis of a representative activated carbon sample obtained in accordance with Regulatory Position C.6.b of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, March 1978, meets the laboratory testing criteria of Regulatory Position C.6.a of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, March 1978, for a methyl iodide penetration of less than 0.175%; and
 - 3) Verifying a system flow rate of 6000 cfm \pm 10% during system operation when tested in accordance with ANSI N510-1980.
- d. After every 1440 hours of activated carbon adsorber operation, by verifying, within 31 days after removal, that a laboratory analysis** of a representative activated carbon sample obtained in accordance with Regulatory Position C.6.b of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, March 1978, meets the laboratory testing criteria of Regulatory Position C.6.a of Regulatory Guide 1.52, Revision 2, March 1978, for a methyl iodide penetration of less than 0.175%;
- e. At least once per 18 months by:
- 1) Verifying that the pressure drop across the combined HEPA filters, activated carbon adsorber banks, and moisture separators is less than 8 inches Water Gauge while operating the system at a flow rate of 6000 cfm \pm 10%;
 - 2) Verifying that on a High Radition-Air Intake, or Smoke Density-High test signal, the system automatically isolates the affected intake from outside air with recirculating flow through the HEPA filters and activated carbon adsorber banks;
 - 3) Verifying that the system maintains the control room at a positive pressure of greater than or equal to 1/8 inch Water Gauge relative to adjacent areas at less than or equal to pressurization flow of 4000 cfm to the control room during system operation;
 - 4) Verifying that the heaters dissipate 25 \pm 2.5 kW, and

*The requirement for reducing refrigerant concentration to 0.01 ppm may be satisfied by operating the system for 10 hours with heaters on and operating.

**Activated carbon adsorber samples are tested at 30 degree C.

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SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

- 5) Verifying that on a High Chlorine/Toxic Gas test signal, the system automatically isolates the affected intake from outside air with recirculating flow through the HEPA filters and activated carbon adsorbers banks within 10 seconds (plus air travel time between the detectors and the isolation dampers).

- f. After each complete or partial replacement of a HEPA filter bank, by verifying that the cleanup system satisfies the in-place penetration and bypass leakage testing acceptance criteria of less than 0.05% in accordance with ANSI N510-1980 for a DOP test aerosol while operating the system at a flow rate of 6000 cfm \pm 10%; and

- g. After each complete or partial replacement of an activated carbon adsorber bank, by verifying that the cleanup system satisfies the in-place penetration and bypass leakage testing acceptance criteria of less than 0.05% in accordance with ANSI N510-1980 for a halogenated hydrocarbon refrigerant test gas while operating the system at a flow rate of 6000 cfm \pm 10%.

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BASES

3/4.7.5 STANDBY NUCLEAR SERVICE WATER POND

The limitations on the standby nuclear service water pond (SNSWP) level and temperature ensure that sufficient cooling capacity is available to either: (1) provide normal cooldown of the facility, or (2) mitigate the effects of accident conditions within acceptable limits.

The limitations on minimum water level and maximum temperature are based on providing a 30-day cooling water supply to safety-related equipment without exceeding its design basis temperature and is consistent with the recommendations of Regulatory Guide 1.27, "Ultimate Heat Sink for Nuclear Plants," March 1974.

The peak containment pressure analysis assumes that the Nuclear Service Water (RN) flow to the Containment Spray and Component Cooling heat exchangers has a temperature of 86.5°F. This temperature is important in that it, in part, determines the capacity for energy removal from containment. The peak containment pressure occurs when energy addition to containment (core decay heat) is balanced by energy removal from these heat exchangers. This balance is reached far out in time, after the transition from injection to cold leg recirculation and after ice melt. Because of the effectiveness of the ice bed in condensing the steam which passes through it, containment pressure is insensitive to small variations in containment spray temperature prior to ice meltout.

To ensure that the RN temperature assumptions are met, Lake Wylie temperature is monitored. During periods of time while Lake Wylie temperature is greater than 86.5°F, the emergency procedure for transfer of ECCS flow paths to cold leg recirculation directs the operator to align at least one train of containment spray to be cooled by a loop of Nuclear Service Water which is aligned to the SNSWP.

3/4.7.6 CONTROL ROOM AREA VENTILATION SYSTEM

The OPERABILITY of the Control Room Area Ventilation System ensures that: (1) the ambient air temperature does not exceed the allowable temperature for continuous-duty rating for the equipment and instrumentation cooled by this system, and (2) the control room will remain habitable for operations personnel during and following all credible accident conditions. Operation of the system with the heaters operating to maintain low humidity using automatic control for at least 10 continuous hours in a 31-day period is sufficient to reduce the buildup of moisture on the adsorbers and HEPA filters. The Control Room Area Ventilation System filter units have no bypass line. Either Control Room Area Ventilation System train must operate in the filtered mode continuously. When a train is in operation, its associated heater also runs continuously. The OPERABILITY of this system in conjunction with control room design provisions is based on limiting the radiation exposure to personnel occupying the control room to 5 rems or less whole body, or its equivalent. This limitation is consistent with the requirements of General Design Criterion 19 of Appendix A, 10 CFR Part 50. ANSI N510-1980 will be used as a procedural guide for surveillance testing.

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The 18-month surveillance to verify a positive pressure of greater than 1/8 inch water gauge, with less than or equal to 4000 cfm of pressurization flow, is to be conducted using only one intake from outside air open. By testing the capability to pressurize the control room using each intake individually, the design basis which assumes reopening of the two intakes following isolation on chlorine, smoke or radiation, is tested.

3/4.7.7 AUXILIARY BUILDING FILTERED EXHAUST SYSTEM

The OPERABILITY of the Auxiliary Building Filtered Exhaust System ensures that radioactive materials leaking from the ECCS equipment within the auxiliary building following a LOCA are filtered prior to reaching the environment. Operation of the system with the heaters operating to maintain low humidity using automatic control for at least 10 continuous hours in a 31-day period is sufficient to reduce the buildup of moisture on the adsorbers and HEPA filters. The operation of this system and the resultant effect on offsite dosage calculations was not taken credit for in the safety analyses. However, the operation of this system and the resultant effect on the NRC staff's offsite dose calculations was assumed in the staff's SER, NUREG-0954. ANSI N510-1980 will be used as a procedural guide for surveillance testing.

3/4.7.8 SNUBBERS

All snubbers are required OPERABLE to ensure that the structural integrity of the Reactor Coolant System and all other safety-related systems is maintained during and following a seismic or other event initiating dynamic loads.

Snubbers are classified and grouped by design and manufacturer but not by size. For example, mechanical snubbers utilizing the same design features of the 2-kip, 10-kip, and 100-kip capacity manufactured by Company "A" are of the same type. The same design mechanical snubbers manufactured by Company "B" for the purposes of this Technical Specification would be of a different type, as would hydraulic snubbers from either manufacturer.

A list of individual snubbers with detailed information of snubber location and size and of system affected shall be available at the plant in accordance with Section 50.71(c) of 10 CFR Part 50. The accessibility of each snubber shall be determined and approved by the Catawba Safety Review Group. The determination shall be based upon the existing radiation levels and the expected time to perform a visual inspection in each snubber location as well as other factors associated with accessibility during plant operations (e.g., temperature, atmosphere, location, etc.) and the recommendations of Regulatory Guides 8.8 and 8.10. The addition or deletions of any hydraulic or mechanical snubber shall be made in accordance with Section 50.59 of 10 CFR Part 50.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 78 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO.72 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52

DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 21, 1987, Duke Power Company, et al. (the licensee) proposed amendments to Technical Specification (TS) 4.7.6d. regarding Control Room Area Ventilation System Surveillance Requirements for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, that would extend the carbon adsorber sampling frequency from 720 hours to 1440 hours. By letters dated July 14, 1989, April 19, and June 12, 1990, the licensee proposed additional changes to TS 3.7.6a., 4.7.6c., 4.7.6f., and 4.7.6g., and TS Bases 3/4.7.6. These changes would provide administrative clarification and more conservative bypass leakage and methyl iodide penetration acceptance criteria.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee's proposed deletion of the phrase "...with flow through the HEPA filters and activated carbon adsorbers" from TS 3.7.6a. is justified because there is no bypass line in the as-built station, and control room air is continuously passed through HEPA filters and carbon adsorbers. Therefore, the phrase is unnecessary.

Current TS 4.7.6c., TS 4.7.6f., and TS 4.7.6g. contain separate criteria for bypass leakage past the filtering systems for Unit 1 (1%) and Unit 2 (0.05%). The proposed change would limit bypass leakage to less than 0.05% for both units. This change is in the direction of increased conservatism and, therefore, it is acceptable.

The licensee proposed to change the criterion for methyl iodide penetration of the carbon adsorbers in TS 4.7.6c.2 and TS 4.7.6d. from 1% to 0.175%, and to add to 4.7.6d. the statement: "Activated carbon adsorber samples are tested at 30 degree C." These changes are in the conservative direction and, therefore, they are acceptable.

The December 21, 1987, amendment request proposed to extend the carbon adsorber bed sampling frequency from 720 hours to 1440 hours. The submittal indicated that removable sample canisters were used to obtain carbon adsorber samples. This practice has been discontinued and currently samples are

obtained by the grain thief method in which the thief is inserted directly into the carbon bed. This method provides more representative sampling of the carbon bed.

The Catawba Nuclear Station Control Room Area Ventilation System is equipped with state-of-the-art 4-inch thick carbon adsorber beds pretreated with Triethylenediamine (TEDA). The Control Room Area Ventilation System filter units have no bypass line. Train A or Train B must operate in the filtered mode continuously. When a train is in operation, its associated heater also runs continuously. The TEDA carbon beds have not been replaced since initial operation.

The licensee's justification of the extended sampling interval is based on the history of laboratory methyl iodide penetration tests on carbon bed samples. As of the July 14, 1989 submittal, a total of 67 tests have been performed over a period of 6 years covering typical atmospheric and seasonal conditions.

Carbon bed samples taken by the grain thief method were tested for methyl iodide penetration at 30° Centigrade, 101 kpa pressure and 70% relative humidity. Tests assuming a 2-inch thick carbon bed gave methyl iodide removal efficiency results ranging from 99.98% to 99.94% for one filter unit and from 99.99% to 99.76% for the second unit. When these results, assuming a 2-inch thick carbon bed, were corrected for the fact that the actual carbon beds are 4 inches thick, the methyl iodide penetration would have been less than 0.01% for all 67 tests. This more than meets the acceptability criterion of 0.175% in the amended TS 4.7.6c.

These tests demonstrate that the methyl iodide adsorption efficiency of the carbon beds has not been significantly degraded after 6 years of circulating outside air. With so little change in adsorption efficiency in 6 years, it is unlikely that extending the surveillance interval from 720 hours to 1440 hours would significantly increase the risk of failing to observe an increase in penetration above 0.175%. The TS 4.7.6d. change has no adverse impact on safety and would not pose an undue risk to the public health and safety. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the change in surveillance interval acceptable.

The licensee proposed clarifying changes to TS Bases 3/4.7.6, "Control Room Area Ventilation System." One of the changes states that: "The Control Room Area Ventilation System filter units have no bypass line. Either Control Room Area Ventilation System train must operate in the filtered mode continuously. When a train is in operation, its associated heater also runs continuously." This change is acceptable because it corresponds to the as-built design of the station and provides continuously filtered air to the control room area. The other change adds a clarifying statement regarding the conduct of the 18-month surveillance to verify that a positive pressure exists in the control room area. This clarification is acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

These amendments involve a change in requirements with respect to the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and changes in surveillance requirements. The 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. 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 these amendments.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission's proposed determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration was published in the Federal Register (54 FR 6190) on February 8, 1989, and (55 FR 4263) on February 7, 1990. The Commission consulted with the State of South Carolina. No public comments were received, and the State of South Carolina did not have any comments. The licensee's letters of April 19, and June 12, 1990, clarified certain aspects of the request, but the substance of the changes noticed in the Federal Register and the proposed no significant hazards consideration determination were not affected.

We have 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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Dated: August 30, 1990