

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NUCLEAR MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

DOCKET NO. 50-331

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 243 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-49 issued to Nuclear Management Company, LLC (the licensee), which revised the Operating License and Technical Specifications (TS) for operation of the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC) located in Linn County, Iowa. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendment modified the Operating License and TS to allow an increase of the authorized operating power level from 1658 megawatts thermal (MWt) to 1912 MWt at DAEC. The change represents an increase of 15.3 percent above the current rated thermal power and is considered an extended power uprate.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 27, 2001 (66 FR 49426). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 55703).

Further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated November 16, 2000, as supplemented April 16 (two letters) and 17; May 8 (two letters), 10, 11 (two letters), 22, and 29; June 5, 11, 18, 21, and 28; July 11, 19, and 25; August 1, 10, 16, and 21; and October 17, 2001, (2) Amendment No. 243 to License No. DPR-49, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of November 2001.

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