

March 25, 1997

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SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS - JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT,
UNITS 1 AND 2 (TAC NOS. M96749 and M96750)

Dear Mr. Morey:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 126 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2 and Amendment No. 120 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-8 for the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2. The amendments change the Technical Specifications (TS) in response to your submittal dated September 30, 1996.

The amendments revise TS 3/4.1.1.1, 3/4.1.1.2, 3/4.1.1.3, 3/4.1.3.5, 3.1.3.6, 3.2.1, 3/4.2.2 and 3.2.3 and associated Bases to remove certain cycle-specific parameter limits from the TSs and relocate them to the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). These amendments authorize you to relocate the numerical values for the core operating limits from the TS to the COLR, as described in your application dated September 30, 1996, and evaluated in the enclosed Safety Evaluation. The COLR is defined in the Definitions section of the TSs as the unit-specific document that provides the core operating limits for the current operating reload cycle. The values of these cycle-specific parameter limits are to be determined in accordance with TS 6.9.1.1 using the referenced NRC-approved methodologies for these limits and consistent with the applicable limits of the safety analysis. The COLR shall be provided to the NRC upon issuance. We have determined that the changes are in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.36 and are consistent with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 88-16.

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

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
Jacob I. Zimmerman, Project Manager
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