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

Sincerely,

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McGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 137
License No. NPF-9

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility), Facility Operating License No. NPF-9 filed by the Duke Power Company (licensee) dated January 27, 1993, as supplemented March 15 and June 4, 1993, 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-9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 137, are hereby incorporated into this license. The licensee 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



David B. Matthews, Director
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Attachment:
Technical Specification
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McGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 119
License No. NPF-17

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (the facility), Facility Operating License No. NPF-17 filed by the Duke Power Company (licensee) dated January 27, 1993, as supplemented March 15 and June 4, 1993, 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;
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 - 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-17 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 119, are hereby incorporated into this license. The licensee 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.

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 137

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-9

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TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 119

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-17

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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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DEFINITIONS

OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM)

1.18 The OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL shall contain the methodology and parameters used in the calculation of offsite doses due to radioactive gaseous and liquid effluents, in the calculation of gaseous and liquid effluent monitoring Alarm/Trip Setpoints, and in the conduct of the Environmental Radiological Monitoring Program. The ODCM shall also contain (1) the Radioactive Effluent Controls and Radiological Environmental Monitoring Programs required by Section 6.8.4 and (2) descriptions of the information that should be included in the Annual Radiological Environmental Operating and Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Reports required by FSAR Chapter 16.

OPERABLE - OPERABILITY

1.19 A system, subsystem, train, component or device shall be OPERABLE or have OPERABILITY when it is capable of performing its specified function(s), and when all necessary attendant instrumentation, controls, electrical power, cooling or seal water, lubrication or other auxiliary equipment that are required for the system, subsystem, train, component, or device to perform its function(s) are also capable of performing their related support function(s).

OPERATIONAL MODE - MODE

1.20 An OPERATIONAL MODE (i.e., MODE) shall correspond to any one inclusive combination of core reactivity condition, power level, and average reactor coolant temperature specified in Table 1.2.

PHYSICS TESTS

1.21 PHYSICS TESTS shall be those tests performed to measure the fundamental nuclear characteristics of the core and related instrumentation: (1) described in Chapter 14.0 of the FSAR, (2) authorized under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59, or (3) otherwise approved by the Commission.

PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE

1.22 PRESSURE BOUNDARY LEAKAGE shall be leakage (except steam generator tube leakage) through a nonisolable fault in a Reactor Coolant System component body, pipe wall, or vessel wall.

PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM (PCP)

1.23 The PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM (PCP) shall contain the current formulas, sampling, analyses, test, and determinations to be made to ensure that processing and packaging of solid radioactive wastes based on demonstrated processing of actual or simulated wet solid wastes will be accomplished in such a way as to assure compliance with 10 CFR Parts 20, 61, and 71, State regulations, burial ground requirements, and other requirements governing the disposal of solid radioactive waste.

DESIGN FEATURES

5.2.1.2 REACTOR BUILDING

- a. Nominal annular space = 5 feet.
- b. Annulus nominal volume = 427,000 cubic feet.
- c. Nominal outside height (measured from top of foundation base to the top of the dome) = 177 feet.
- d. Nominal inside diameter = 125 feet.
- e. Cylinder wall minimum thickness = 3 feet.
- f. Dome minimum thickness = 2.25 feet.
- g. Dome inside radius = 87 feet.

DESIGN PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE

5.2.2 The reactor containment is designed and shall be maintained for a maximum internal pressure of 15.0 psig and a temperature of 250°F.

5.3 REACTOR CORE

FUEL ASSEMBLIES

5.3.1 The core shall contain 193 fuel assemblies. Each assembly shall consist of a matrix of zircaloy clad fuel rods with an initial composition of natural or slightly enriched uranium dioxide as fuel material. Limited substitutions of zirconium alloy or stainless steel filler rods for fuel rods, in accordance with NRC-approved applications of fuel rod configurations, may be used. Fuel assemblies shall be limited to those fuel designs that have been analyzed with applicable NRC staff-approved codes and methods, and shown by tests or analyses to comply with all fuel safety design bases. A limited number of lead test assemblies that have not completed representative testing may be placed in non-limiting core regions.

CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLIES

5.3.2 The core shall contain 53 full-length and no part-length control rod assemblies. The full-length control rod assemblies shall contain a nominal 142 inches of absorber material. The nominal values of absorber material for Unit 1 control rods shall be 80% silver, 15% indium, and 5% cadmium. The nominal values of absorber material for Unit 2 control rods shall be 100% boron carbide (B_4C) for 102 inches and 80% silver, 15% indium, and 5% cadmium for the 40-inch tip. All control rods shall be clad with stainless steel tubing.

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ANNUAL RADIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING REPORT*

6.9.1.6 Routine Radiological Environmental Operating Reports covering the operation of the unit during the previous calendar year shall be submitted prior to May 1 of each year. The report shall include summaries, interpretations, and analysis of trends of the results of the Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program for the reporting period. The material provided shall be consistent with the objectives outlined in (1) the ODCM and (2) Sections IV.B.2, IV.B.3, and IV.C of Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50.

ANNUAL RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENT RELEASE REPORT***

6.9.1.7 The Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report covering the operation of the unit during the previous calendar year shall be submitted before May 1 of each year.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

ANNUAL RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENT RELEASE REPORT (Continued)

The Radioactive Effluent Release Report shall include a summary of the quantities of radioactive liquid and gaseous effluents and solid waste released from the unit. The material provided shall be (1) consistent with the objectives outlined in the ODCM and PCP and (2) in conformance with 10 CFR 50.36a and Section IV.B.1 of Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50.

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PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM (PCP) (Continued)

- 1) Sufficient information to support the change together with the appropriate analyses or evaluations justifying the change(s) and
 - 2) A determination that the change will maintain the overall conformance of the solidified waste product to existing requirements of Federal, State, or other applicable regulations.
- b. Shall become effective upon review and acceptance by the station manager and a qualified individual/organization.

6.14 OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM)

6.14.1 The ODCM shall be approved by the Commission prior to implementation.

6.14.2 Licensee-initiated changes to the ODCM:

- a. Shall be documented and records of reviews performed shall be retained as required by Specification 6.10.3n. This documentation shall contain:
 - 1) Sufficient information to support the change together with the appropriate analyses or evaluations justifying the change(s) and
 - 2) A determination that the change will maintain the level of radioactive effluent control required by 10 CFR 20.1302, 40 CFR Part 190, 10 CFR 50.36a, and Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50 and not adversely impact the accuracy or reliability of effluent, dose, or setpoint calculations.
- b. Shall become effective upon review and acceptance by the station manager and a qualified individual/organization.
- c. Shall be submitted to the Commission in the form of a complete, legible copy of the entire ODCM as a part of or concurrent with the Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report for the period of the report in which any change to the ODCM was made. Each change shall be identified by markings in the margin of the affected pages, clearly indicating the area of the page that was changed, and shall indicate the date (e.g., month/year) the change was implemented.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.15 MAJOR CHANGES TO RADIOACTIVE LIQUID, GASEOUS, AND SOLID WASTE TREATMENT SYSTEMS*

6.15.1 Licensee initiated major changes to the Radioactive Waste Systems (liquid, gaseous and solid)

- a. Shall be reported to the Commission in the Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report for the period in which the evaluation was reviewed by the Station Manager. The discussion of each change shall contain:
 - 1) A summary of the evaluation that led to the determination that the change could be made in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.59;
 - 2) Sufficient detailed information to totally support the reason for the change without benefit of additional or supplemental information;
 - 3) A detailed description of the equipment, components, and processes involved and the interfaces with other plant systems;
 - 4) An evaluation of the change, which shows the predicted releases of radioactive materials in liquid and gaseous effluents and/or quantity of solid waste that differ from those previously predicted in the License application and amendments thereto;
 - 5) An evaluation of the change, which shows expected maximum exposures to individual in the UNRESTRICTED AREA and to the general population that differ from those previously estimated in the License application and amendments thereto;
 - 6) A comparison of the predicted releases of radioactive materials, in liquid and gaseous effluents and in solid waste, to the actual releases for the period prior to when the changes are to be made;
 - 7) An estimate of the exposure to plant operating personnel as a result of the change; and
 - 8) Documentation of the fact that the change was reviewed and found acceptable by the Station Manager or the Chemistry Manager.
- b. Shall become effective upon review and acceptance by a qualified individual/organization.

*Licensees may choose to submit the information called for in this specification as part of the annual FSAR update.



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 137 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-9
AND AMENDMENT NO. 119 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-17
DUKE POWER COMPANY
MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated January 27, 1993, as supplemented March 15 and June 4, 1993, Duke Power Company (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise the frequency of reporting the quantity of each of the principal radionuclides released from the plant site to unrestricted areas in liquid and in gaseous effluents from semiannual to annual. Specifically, the title "Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Report" would be changed to "Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report" in TS 1.18, 6.9.1.7, 6.14.2, 6.15.1, and TS Index page XXII.

The proposed change for TS 6.9.1.7 would also require that the Annual Radioactive Effluent Release Report covering the operation of the unit during the previous calendar year be submitted before May 1 of each year, and that the quantity of solid waste releases be reported on an annual, rather than a semiannual, basis.

The proposed changes would also modify the requirements for "Fuel Assemblies" in the "Design Features" section of the TS in accordance with Generic Letter 90-02, Supplement 1.

The March 15 and June 4, 1993, letters provided clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

As noticed in the Federal Register on August 31, 1992 (57 FR 39353), the NRC has amended 10 CFR 50.36a, "Technical Specifications on Effluents from Nuclear Power Reactors," to reduce the required frequency of reporting the quantity of each principal radionuclide released to unrestricted areas in liquid and gaseous effluents from every 6 months to every 12 months. The amended regulation is intended to reduce the administrative burden to licensees without a reduction in safety. The NRC staff finds that the proposed amendments for McGuire, Units 1 and 2, with respect to reporting releases in liquid and gaseous effluents on an annual (rather than semiannual) basis is

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consistent with the revised regulation, has no adverse safety implication, and is, therefore, acceptable.

The reporting requirement for solid waste releases is not addressed by the revised 10 CFR 50.36a. However, reporting the quantity of solid waste releases on an annual (rather than semiannual) basis is consistent with the intent of the proposed changes for liquid and gaseous effluents. Moreover, this change affects only the reporting frequency and has no adverse safety implications. The change to an annual reporting basis for solid wastes is, therefore, acceptable to the NRC. Additionally, the NRC staff contacted the agencies that receive the reports regarding the proposed issuance of the amendments. These agencies include: (1) the Division of Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; (2) the Reactor Radiological Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and (3) Region 4 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The representative of each agency acknowledged that reporting of solid waste on an annual basis would be acceptable.

The licensee has proposed a modification to the requirements for "Fuel Assemblies" in the "Design Features" section of the McGuire, Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TS) in accordance with Generic Letter (GL) 90-02, Supplement 1. GL 90-02 (not Supplement 1) provided guidance for a line-item change of the TS to provide the licensees with flexibility in repairing fuel assemblies containing damaged and leaking fuel rods. GL 90-02, Supplement 1, provided further clarification of GL 90-02. The requirements for fuel assemblies specify the quantity of fuel assemblies, the active fuel rod length and the number of fuel rods per assembly. Flexibility to deviate from the number of fuel rods per assembly and active fuel rod length is desirable to permit timely removal of fuel rods that are found to be leaking during a refueling outage or are determined to be probable sources of future leakage. This improvement in the licensee's fuel performance program will provide for reductions in future occupational radiation exposure and plant radiological releases, and conforms to GL 90-02, Supplement 1.

The NRC staff has determined that core alterations performed in accordance with the guidance provided in GL 90-02, as clarified by Supplement 1, ensure acceptable protection against loss of integrity of the fuel cladding and ensures that the reactor core design alterations will meet the requirements of General Design Criterion 10. Since the licensee has proposed TS modifications in accordance with GL 90-02, as clarified by Supplement 1, the licensee's proposed TS amendments conform to the regulations.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change requirements with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. 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 (58 FR 32381 dated June 9, 1993). 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.

The amendments also relate to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). 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.

5.0 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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