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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555 July 12, 1989

Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374

> Mr. Thomas J. Kovach Nuclear Licensing Manager Commonwealth Edison Company Post Office Box 767 Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Mr. Kovach:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT -

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION CHANGES CONCERNING DELETION OF THE 3.25

LIMITATION FROM THE REFUEL OUTAGE INTERVAL SURVEILLANCE

(TAC NOS. 66725 AND 66726)

RE: LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.119, the Commission has requested the Office of the Federal Register to publish the enclosed "Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact." This notice is in regard to your request dated December 4, 1987 supplemented March 10, 1989 for changes to the Technical Specifications (TSs) concerning elimination of Technical Specification 4.0.2.b from the refuel outage interval surveillances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF

NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-11 and NPF-18, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company, (the licensee), for operation of the LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, located in LaSalle County, Illinois.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

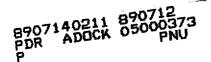
Identification of Proposed Action:

The proposed amendments would revise the provisions in the Technical Specifications (TS) relating to the deletion of the 3.25 limitation from the refuel outage interval surveillance.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated December 4, 1987, as supplemented by a letter dated March 10, 1989.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed change to the TS is required in order to provide flexibility for scheduling the performance of surveillance and to permit consideration of plant operating conditions that may not be suitable for conducting a surveillance at its specified time interval.



Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revision to Technical Specifications. The proposed revisions would allow the licensee to exempt surveillance specified within an 18-month surveillance interval from the provision of Specification 4.0.2 that limits the combined time interval for three consecutive surveillances to 3.25 times the 18-month surveillance interval. Therefore, the proposed changes do not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this proposed action would result in no significant radiological environmental impact.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed change to the TS involves systems located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impact associated with the proposed amendment.

The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on April 14, 1989 (54 FR 15040). No request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

Alternative to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested amendment. This would not reduce environmental impacts of plant operation and would result in reduced operational flexibility.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements for LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2, dated November 1978.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee's request and did not consult other agencies or persons.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed license amendment.

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, we conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 4, 1987 and a supplement dated March 10, 1989 which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L St., N.W., and the Public Library of Illinois Valley Community College, Rural Route No. 1, Oglesby, Illinois 61348.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 1989.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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