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Docket No. 50-298

Nebraska Public Power District
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Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 17 to Facility License No. DPR-46 for the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS). This amendment includes Change No. 20 to the Technical Specifications and is in response to your request dated June 25, 1975, as supplemented September 5 and 22, 1975.

The amendment revised the Administrative Controls Section of the Technical Specifications to reflect changes in your organizational structure and that of CNS. The amendment also clarifies the intent of the specification concerning the review process of the Safety Review and Audit Board.

Copies of the related Safety Evaluation and the Federal Register Notice are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Dennis L. Ziemann

Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief
 Operating Reactors Branch #2
 Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 17 to License No. DPR-46 w/Change No. 20
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Federal Register Notice

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NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

DOCKET NO. 50-298

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 17
License No. DPR-46

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee) dated June 25, 1975, as supplemented by letters dated September 5 and 22, 1975, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations 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;
 - 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. An environmental statement or negative declaration need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment and Paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility License No. DPR-46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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"(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised, are hereby incorporated in the license. The licensee shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications, as revised by issued changes thereto through Change No. 21.

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

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Original signed by
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Division of Reactor Licensing

Attachment:
Change No. 20 to the
Technical Specifications

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ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 17
CHANGE NO. 20 TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-46
DOCKET NO. 50-298

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A of Facility License No. DPR-46 are hereby changed by replacing pages 219 through 225, 234, 242 and 243 with the attached revised pages bearing the same numbers. Changed areas on the revised pages are reflected by marginal lines.

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6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

6.1 Organization

6.1.1 The Station Superintendent shall have the over-all full-time onsite responsibility for the safe operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station. During periods when the Station Superintendent is unavailable, he may delegate his responsibility to the Assistant to Station Superintendent or, in his absence, to one of the Department Supervisors.

6.1.2 The portion of the Nebraska Public Power District management which relates to the operation of this station is shown in Figure 6.1.1.

6.1.3 The organization for conduct of operation of the station is shown in Fig. 6.1.2. The shift complement at the station shall at all times meet the following requirements. Note: Higher grade licensed operators may take the place of lower grade licensed or unlicensed operators.

- A. A licensed senior reactor operator (SRO) shall be present at the station at all times when there is any fuel in the reactor.
- B. A licensed reactor operator shall be in the control room at all times when there is any fuel in the reactor.
- C. Two licensed reactor operators shall be in the control room during all startup, shutdown and other periods involving significant planned control rod manipulations. A licensed SRO shall either be in the Control Room or immediately available to the Control Room during such periods.
- D. A licensed senior reactor operator (SRO) with no other concurrent duties shall be directly in charge of any refueling operation, or alteration of the reactor core.

A licensed reactor operator (RO) with no other concurrent duties shall be directly in charge of operations involving the handling of irradiated fuel other than refueling or reactor core alteration operations.

- E. An individual who has been trained and qualified in health physics techniques shall be on site at all times that fuel is on site.
- F. Minimum crew size during reactor operation shall consist of three licensed reactor operators (one of whom shall be a licensed SRO) and two unlicensed operators. Minimum crew size during reactor cold shutdown conditions shall consist of two licensed reactor operators (one of whom shall be a licensed SRO) and one unlicensed operator.

In the event that any member of a minimum shift crew is absent or incapacitated due to illness or injury a qualified replacement shall be designated to report on-site within two hours.

6.1.4 The minimum qualifications, training, replacement training, and retraining of plant personnel at the time of fuel loading or appointment to the active position shall meet the requirements as described in the American National Standards Institute N18.1-1971, "Selection and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants". The Assistant to Station Superintendent qualifications shall comply with Section 4.2 of ANSI-N18.1-1971. The minimum frequency of the retraining program shall be every two years. The training program shall be under the direction of a designated member of the plant staff.

6.2 Review and Audit

6.2.1 The organization and duties of committees for the review and audit of station operation shall be as outlined below:

A. Station Operations Review Committee

1. Membership:

- a. Chairman: Station Superintendent or Assistant to Station Superintendent
- b. Engineering Supervisor
- c. Operations Supervisor
- d. Chemistry and Health Physics Supervisor
- e. Maintenance Supervisor
- f. Quality Assurance Supervisor - non-voting member

Alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the Station Superintendent to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than one alternate shall serve on the Committee at any one time.

2. Meeting Frequency: Monthly, and as required on call of the Chairman.

3. Quorum: Station Superintendent or Assistant to Station Superintendent plus two other members including alternates.

4. Responsibilities:

- a. Review all proposed normal, abnormal, maintenance and emergency operating procedures specified in 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3, and 6.3.4 and proposed changes thereto: and any other proposed procedures or changes thereto determined by any member to effect nuclear safety.
- b. Review all proposed tests and experiments and their results, which involve nuclear hazards not previously reviewed for conformance with technical specifications. Submit tests which may constitute an unreviewed safety question to the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board for review:
- c. Review proposed changes to Technical Specifications, license and the Final Safety Analysis Report.
- d. Review proposed changes or modifications to station systems or equipment as discussed in the FSAR or which involves an unreviewed safety question as defined in 10CFR50.59(c). Submit changes to equipment or systems having safety significance to the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board for review.
- e. Review station operation to detect potential unsafe conditions.

- f. Investigate all reported instances of violations of Technical Specifications, including reporting evaluation and recommendations to prevent recurrence, to the Director of Power Supply and to the Chairman of the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board. | 20
- g. Perform special reviews and investigations and render reports thereon as requested by the Chairman of the Nuclear Safety Review and Audit Board.
- h. Review all events which are required by regulations or Technical Specifications to be reported to the NRC in writing within 24 hours.
- i. Review drills on emergency procedures (including plant evacuation) and adequacy of communication with off site groups.
- j. Review all procedures required by these Technical Specifications, including procedures of the Emergency Plan and the Security Plan with a frequency commensurate with their safety significance but at an interval of not more than two years.

5. Authority

- a. The Station Operations Review Committee shall be advisory.
- b. The Station Operations Review Committee shall recommend to the Station Superintendent approval or disapproval of proposals under items 4, a through c and j above. In case of disagreement between the recommendations of the Station Operations Review Committee and the Station Superintendent, the course determined by the Station Superintendent to be the more conservative will be followed. A written summary of the disagreement will be sent to the Director of Power Supply and to the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board. | 20
- c. The Station Operations Review Committee shall report to the Chairman of the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board on all reviews and investigations conducted under items 4, f, g, h, and i.
- d. The Station Operations Review Committee shall make tentative determinations regarding whether or not proposals considered by the Committee involve unreviewed safety questions. This determination shall be subject to review and approval by the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board.

6. Records:

Minutes shall be kept for all meetings of the Station Operations Review Committee and shall include identification of all documen-

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tary material reviewed; copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board and the Director of Power Supply within one month. | 2

7. Procedures:

Written administrative procedures for Committee operation shall be prepared and maintained describing the method for submission and content of presentations to the committee, provisions for use of subcommittees, review and approval by members of written Committee evaluations and recommendations, dissemination of minutes, and such other matters as may be appropriate.

B. NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board.

The board must: verify that operation of the plant is consistent with company policy and rules, approved operating procedures and operating license provisions; review safety related plant changes, proposed tests and procedures; verify that unusual events are promptly investigated and corrected in a manner which reduces the probability of recurrence of such events; and detect trends which may not be apparent to a day-to-day observer. | 2

Audits of selected aspects of plant operation shall be performed with a frequency commensurate with their safety significance and in such a manner as to assure that an audit of all nuclear safety related activities is completed within a period of two years. Periodic review of the audit programs should be performed by the Board at least twice a year to assure that such audits are being accomplished in accordance with requirements of Technical Specifications. The audits shall be performed in accordance with appropriate written instructions or procedures and should include verification of compliance with internal rules, procedures (for example, normal, off-normal, emergency, operating, maintenance, surveillance, test and radiation control procedures and the emergency and security plans), regulations involving nuclear safety and operating license provisions; training, qualification and performance of operating staff; and corrective actions following abnormal occurrences or unusual events. A representative portion of procedures and records of the activities performed during the audit period shall be audited and, in addition, observations of performance of operating and maintenance activities shall be included. Written reports of such audits shall be reviewed at a scheduled meeting of the Board and by appropriate members of management including those having responsibility in the area audited. Follow-up action, including reaudit of deficient areas, shall be taken when indicated.

6.2 (cont'd.)

1. Membership
 - a. Assistant General Manager (Chairman)
 - b. Director of Generation Engineering & Construction
 - c. Director of Power Supply
 - d. Director of Rates and Contracts
 - e. Project Manager, Cooper Nuclear Station
 - f. Director of Environmental Affairs
 - g. Director of Licensing and Quality Assurance (alternate Chairman)
 - h. Member, NPPD Safety Committee
 - i. Consultants (as required)

No more than two members shall hold line responsibility for day-to-day operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station.

The Board members shall collectively have the capability required to review problems in the following areas: nuclear power plant operations, nuclear engineering, chemistry and radiochemistry, metallurgy, instrumentation and control, radiological safety, mechanical and electrical engineering, and other appropriate fields associated with the unique characteristics of the nuclear power plant involved. When the nature of a particular problem dictates, special consultants will be utilized.

Alternate members shall be appointed in writing by the Board Chairman to serve on a temporary basis; however, no more than two alternates shall serve on the Board at any one time.

2. Meeting frequency: Semiannually, and as required on call of the Chairman.
3. Quorum: Chairman or Vice Chairman, plus three members including alternates. No more than a minority of the quorum shall be from groups holding line responsibility for the operation of the plant.
4. Responsibilities: The following subjects shall be reported to and reviewed by the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board.
 - a. The safety evaluations for 1) changes to procedures, equipment or systems and 2) tests or experiments completed under the provision of Section 50.59, 10 CFR, to verify that such actions did not constitute an unreviewed safety question.
 - b. Proposed changes to procedures, equipment or systems which involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in Section 50.59, 10 CFR.

6.2 (cont'd.)

- c. Proposed tests or experiments which involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in Section 50.59, 10 CFR.
 - d. Proposed changes in Technical Specifications or licenses.
 - e. Violations of applicable statutes, codes, regulations, orders, Technical Specifications, license requirements, or of internal procedures or instructions having safety significance.
 - f. Significant operating abnormalities or deviations from normal and expected performance of plant equipment.
 - g. All events which are required by regulations or Technical Specifications to be reported to the NRC in writing within 24 hours.
 - h. Any indication of an unanticipated deficiency in some aspect of design or operation of safety related structures, systems, or components.
 - i. Minutes of meetings of the Station Operations Review Committee to determine if matters considered by the committee involve unreviewed safety questions or changes to the operating license.
 - j. Training, qualification and performance of operating staff.
 - k. Disagreement between the recommendations of the Station Operations Review Committee and the Station Superintendent.
 - l. Security and emergency plans and their implementing procedures.
 - m. Environmental Monitoring Program and its results.
 - n. Quality Assurance program.
 - o. Review of events covered under e, f, g, and h above include reporting to appropriate members of management on the results of investigations and recommendations to prevent or reduce the probability of recurrence.
5. Authority: The NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board shall be advisory to the General Manager and shall have authority to:
- a. Approve proposed changes to the operating license including Technical Specifications and Safety Analysis Report for submission to the NRC.

6.2 (cont'd.)

- b. Approve safety related changes or modifications to station systems and equipment, provided such changes or modifications do not involve an unreviewed safety question by the NRC and do not require changes in the Operating License. 20 | 20 |

6. Records:

Minutes shall be recorded for all meetings of the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board and shall identify all documentary material reviewed. Copies of the minutes shall be forwarded to the General Manager and the Station Superintendent, and such others as the Chairman may designate within one month of the meeting.

7. Procedures:

Written administrative procedures for Board operation shall be prepared and maintained that contain:

- a. Subjects within the purview of the group.
- b. Responsibility and authority of the group including responsibility to identify problems and to recommend solutions, and authority to verify implementation of approved actions.
- c. Mechanisms for convening meetings.
- d. Provisions for any use of subgroups.
- e. Authority to obtain access to the nuclear power plant operating record files and operating personnel to perform the audit function.
- f. Requirements for distribution of reports and minutes prepared by the group to others in the NPPD organization.
- g. Identification of the management position to which the Board reports.
- h. Provisions for assuring that the Committee is kept informed on a timely basis of matters within its purview.
- i. Provision for a formal approval of the minutes.

6.5 Action to be Taken if a Safety Limit is Exceeded

6.5.1 If a safety limit is exceeded, reactor shall be shut down and reactor operation shall not be resumed until authorized by the NRC. An immediate report shall be made to the Director of Power Supply, the General Manager and to the chairman of the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board. A complete analysis of the circumstances leading up to and resulting from the situation together with recommendations to prevent a recurrence shall be prepared by the Station Operations Review Committee. This report shall be submitted to the Director of Power Supply and the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board. Appropriate analyses or reports will be submitted to the NRC. Notification of such occurrences will be made to the NRC by the Station Superintendent within 24 hours as specified in Specification 6.7.

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NPPD MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

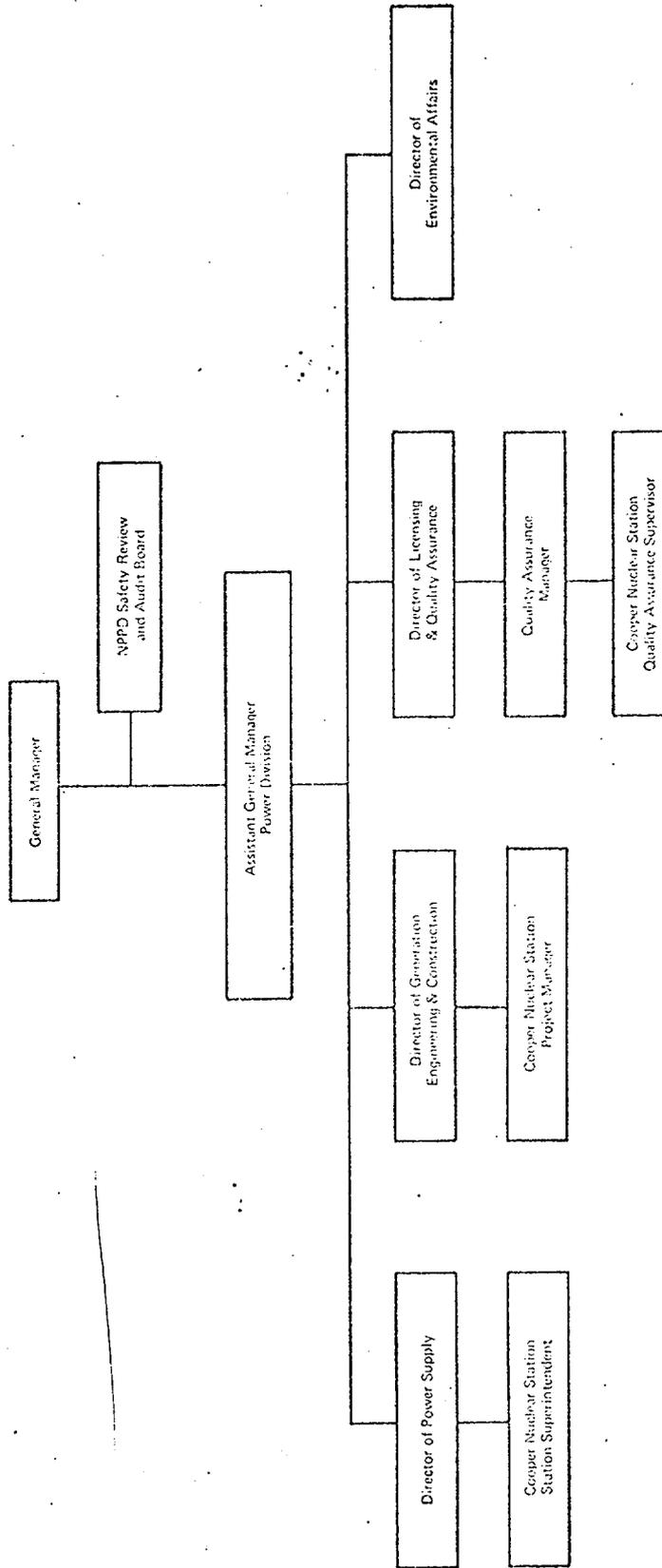
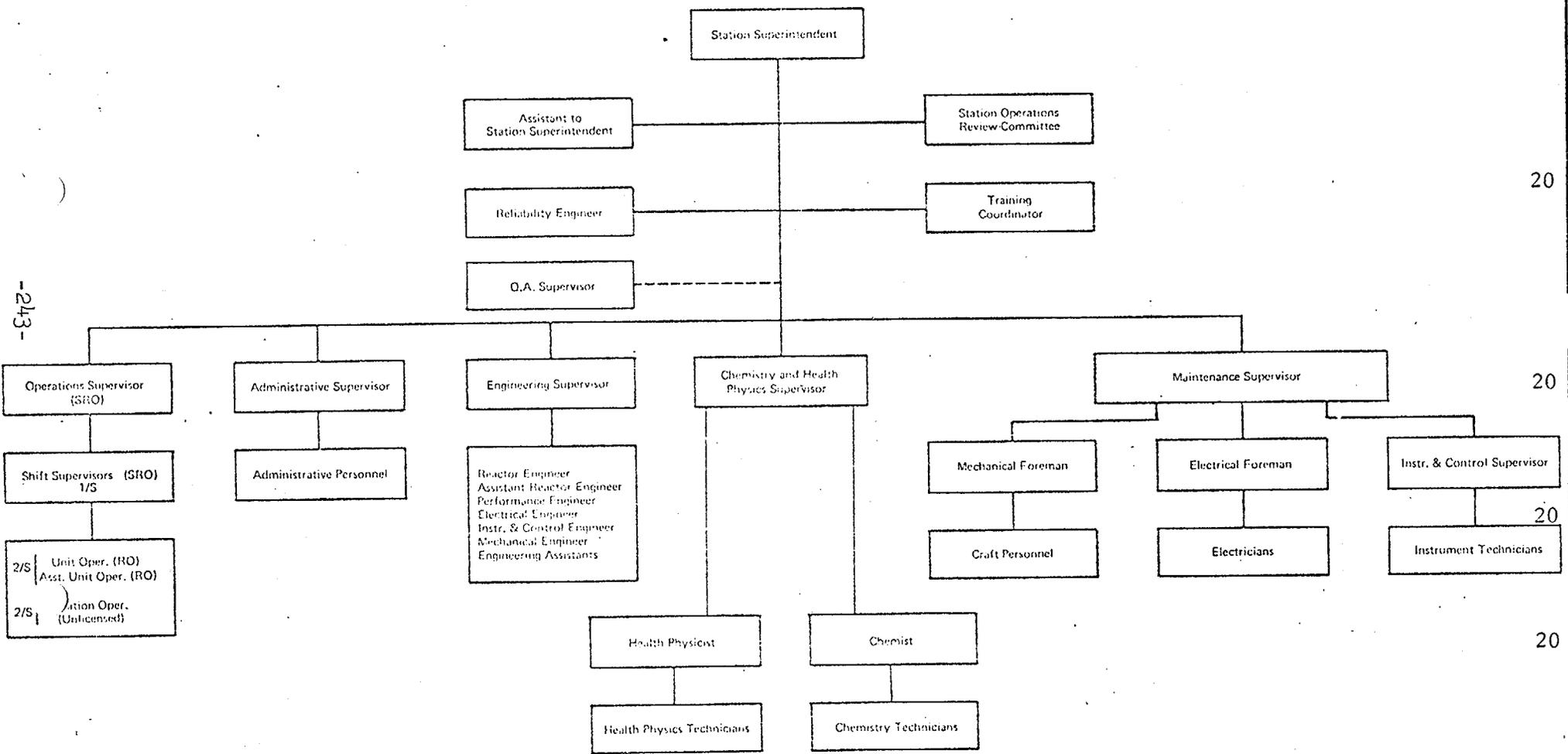


Figure 6.1.1
NPPD Management
Organization Chart

CNS ORGANIZATION CHART



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 RO - AEC Reactor Operators License
 SRO - AEC Senior Reactor Operators License

Figure G.1.2
 Cooper Nuclear Station
 Organizational Chart



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 17 TO DPR-46

CHANGE NO. 20 TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

DOCKET NO. 50-298

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated June 25, 1975, and supplements thereto dated September 5 and 22, 1975, Nebraska Public Power District requested changes to the Radiological Technical Specifications appended to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46 for the Cooper Nuclear Station. The proposed changes in the Administrative Controls, Section 6, of the Radiological Technical Specifications would:

1. Revise the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) and Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) corporate office organizations.
2. Provide alternate members for the Safety Review and Audit Board (off-site) and the Station Operations Review Committee (on-site).
3. Clarify the intent of a specification concerning the review process of the Safety Review and Audit Board.
4. Replace references to the USAEC or AEC with USNRC or NRC.

DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION

The changes to the CNS Organization would include:

1. The abolition of the position of Assistant Station Superintendent and the creation of an Assistant to Station Superintendent.

In the present CNS Organization, the department supervisors report to the Assistant Station Superintendent who, in turn, reports to the Station Superintendent. The proposed change would have the department supervisors, as well as the Assistant to Station Superintendent, report directly to the Station Superintendent. Although the duties and responsibilities of the

proposed Assistant to Station Superintendent, as stated in the Technical Specifications would remain unchanged from the former position, the qualification requirements of this new position could not be correlated to a specification of ANSI-N18.1-1971. Upon request by the NRC staff, NPPD by letter dated September 5, 1975, supplied a revised Technical Specification 6.1.4 which would require the Assistant to Station Superintendent to maintain qualifications per Section 4.2 of the ANSI Standard. Based on the foregoing, the NRC staff concluded that this proposed change would not affect the strength of the CNS organization.

2. The addition of new positions of Reliability Engineer, reporting to the Station Superintendent, and Assistant Reactor Engineer, under the Engineering Department.

The staff has concluded that the addition of these new positions would not weaken the CNS organization and should, in fact, improve the efficiency of the organization.

3. The removal of "key personnel" classification on Figure 6.1.2 for all engineers except the Reactor Engineer.

The designation "key personnel" has been used to identify facility staff positions for which certain qualification standards applied. The current NRC staff position on facility staff qualifications is set forth in Regulatory Guide 1.8 which endorses ANSI-N18.1-1971. If a facility staff meets these guidelines, the designation of certain staff positions as "key" is unnecessary. In accordance with Technical Specification 6.1.4, CNS is required to meet the standards of ANSI-N18.1-1971. Consequently, the staff has concluded that the classification "key personnel" may be completely removed from Figure 6.1.2.

4. The upgrading of Quality Assurance Specialist to Quality Assurance Supervisor, Assistant Health Physicist to Health Physicist, and Assistant Chemist to Chemist.

CNS now has two full time quality assurance (QA) personnel. To identify the senior QA specialist, the position of QA Supervisor would be created. This new position would continue to report to the Station Superintendent. The proposed positions of Health Physicist and Chemist represent title changes only; the duties, qualifications, and organizational location of these positions remain unchanged. Therefore, since no change would be made to the CNS organization or personnel qualifications and responsibilities, the NRC staff has concluded that the strength of the CNS organization would not be altered by these changes.

Proposed changes to the NPPD Management Organization include the following:

1. The position of Power Production Manager would be eliminated and all references to the Power Production Manager would be changed to Director of Power Supply.

The Power Production Manager at NPPD is responsible to the Director of Power Supply for both nuclear and fossil fuel plants. The requested change would divorce the Power Production Manager from nuclear energy production and the CNS Station Superintendent would report directly to the Director of Power Supply.

We have concluded that the proposed change shortens the chain of command from CNS to the NPPD management and, therefore, should strengthen administrative control.

2. The position of Director of Generation Projects would be abolished; Director of Generation Engineering would be renamed Director of Generation Engineering and Construction and would assume the duties of the Director of Generation Projects.

This change represents a merger of the functions of the Director of Generation Projects with the Director of Generation Engineering. The duties of the former would become the responsibility of the latter. To reflect the additional responsibilities of the Director of Generation Engineering, the new title of Director of Generation Engineering and Construction would be created. Also, the CNS Project Manager, a position presently under the Director of Generation, would report to the new Director of Generation Engineering and Construction. The NRC staff concluded that this change would be administrative in nature and would not alter the effectiveness of management organization.

3. The CNS Project Manager would fill the vacancy on the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board (SRAB) created by the abolition of the position of the Power Production Manager.

The appointment of the CNS Project Manager to the SRAB would not violate the SRAB membership requirements as set forth in the CNS Technical Specification 6.2.1.B.1. The NRC staff has concluded that the CNS Project Manager meets the requirements for SRAB membership.

4. The Manager, Licensing and Quality Assurance would be promoted to Director of Licensing and Quality Assurance.

Because no change in responsibilities or organizational structure would result, we have concluded that the effectiveness of the NPPD organization would not be reduced as the result of this promotion.

5. The position of Director of Environmental Affairs would be added to the NPPD Organization.

This addition of an existing position to the organization chart would be made for the sake of completeness. No changes in responsibility or organizational structure would result.

To provide more timely review and audit services, NPPD requested a Technical Specification change which would add alternate members to the Station Operations Review Committee (SORC) and the Safety Review and Audit Board (SRAB). We modified NPPD's request to specify methods of appointing alternate members and to restrict the number of alternates that could participate in review and audit activities at any one time. These modifications would: 1) require the respective chairmen of the SORC and SRAB to appoint temporary alternate members in writing; 2) prohibit more than two alternates to serve on the SRAB at any one time; and 3) prohibit more than one alternate to participate in SORC activities at any one time. The number of alternates permitted on the SORC is restricted to one because the technical specifications permit three persons to form a quorum of the SORC. The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed technical specifications as modified meet current regulatory guidelines for appointment and utilization of alternate review and audit board members.

The technical specifications proposed to clarify the review responsibilities of the SRAB would make the following changes:-

1. Deletion of the words "for implementation" from Specification 6.2.1.B.5.b which grants the SRAB authority to "Approve for implementation safety related changes or modifications to station systems and equipment, provided such changes or modifications do not involve an unreviewed safety question by the NRC and do not require changes in the Operating License."
2. Deletion of the word "proposed" from the second sentence of Specification 6.2.1.A.4.d which lists a responsibility of the SORC to "Submit proposed changes to equipment or systems having safety significance to the NPPD Safety Review and Audit Board for review."

3. Changing a present SRAB requirement to "review important proposed plant changes, tests, and procedures" to read "review safety related plant changes, proposed tests and procedures."
4. Changing the word "proposed" to "safety related" in the first line of Specification 6.2.1.B.4.a which requires the SRAB to review evaluations of proposed changes to procedures, equipment or systems completed under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.(a)(1) to verify that such proposed changes do not constitute unreviewed safety questions.

The NRC staff position concerning reviews performed by off-site independent review and audit groups (e.g. NPPD SRAB) requires the group to review, prior to implementation, proposed changes in procedures equipment or systems which may involve an unreviewed safety question as defined in §50-59.(a)(2) of 10 CFR Part 50. Also, the independent review group must review, either prior to or after implementation, safety evaluations of proposed changes to procedures, equipment, or systems completed under the provisions of 10 CFR 50-59.(a)(1) to verify that such changes did not constitute an unreviewed safety question. The NRC staff position concerning reviews performed by on-site review groups (e.g. CNS SORC) requires that these groups review all proposed changes or modifications to plant systems or equipment that involve nuclear safety. The first three of NPPD's proposed changes above are in agreement with the NRC position on review responsibilities of the SORC and SRAB. However, the fourth proposed change required some modification and was discussed with the NPPD staff. It was concluded that the most suitable method of preventing misinterpretation of the SRAB's review responsibilities was to replace the CNS specifications concerning SRAB review of proposed changes to procedures, systems, or equipment or proposed tests and experiments with the corresponding standard technical specifications which the staff issues for new facilities. The standard specifications are both consistent with NRC staff requirements and worded in such a way that prevents misinterpretation. The NRC staff concluded that the NPPD proposed change, with the above modification, would meet the current regulatory position on review and audit activities and would not reduce the effectiveness of the NPPD or CNS review and audit process.

We have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental statement, negative declaration, or environmental appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because the change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the change does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

DATE: **JAN 19 1976**

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-298

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 17 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, issued to the Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee), which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station (the facility) located in Nemaha County, Nebraska. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

This amendment revised the Administrative Controls Section of the Technical Specifications for the facility to reflect changes in the organizational structure of the licensee and that of the facility. The amendment also clarified the intent of the specification concerning the review process of the Safety Review and Audit Board.

The application, as supplemented, 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. Prior public notice of this amendment is not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated June 25, 1975, and supplements thereto dated September 5 and 22, 1975, (2) Amendment No. 17 to License No. DPR-46, with Change No. 20 and (3) the Commission's concurrently issued Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Auburn Public Library, 1118 - 15th Street, Auburn, Nebraska 68305. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, *this 19th day of January, 1976.*

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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