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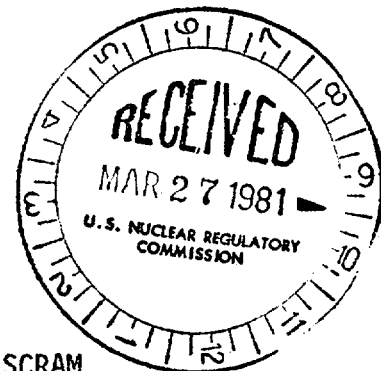
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Docket No. 50-298

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SUBJECT: ORDER FOR MODIFICATION OF LICENSE CONCERNING BWR SCRAM
DISCHARGE SYSTEMS



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Sincerely,

Original Signed by

T. A. Ippolito

Thomas A. Ippolito, Chief
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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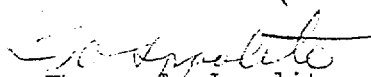
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT)	Docket No. 50-298
(Cooper Nuclear Power Station))	

MODIFICATION OF JANUARY 9, 1981 ORDER REQUIRING
AN AUTOMATIC AIR HEADER DUMP SYSTEM

I

The Nebraska Public Power District (licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-46 (license) which authorizes the operation of the Cooper Nuclear Power Station at steady state reactor power levels not in excess of 2381 megawatts thermal (rated power). The facility consists of a boiling water reactor located at the licensee's site in Nemaha County, Nebraska.

II

On January 9, 1981 the Commission issued an Order modifying the license, effective immediately, requiring an operable automatic system to initiate control rod insertion at low pressure in the control air header. The Order, published in the Federal Register on January 20, 1981 (46 FR 9285) required the automatic air header dump system to be operable by April 9, 1981 or the facility be placed in cold shutdown within 72 hours.

The licensee by letters dated February 17 and 23, 1981 agreed that the ordered modification would provide an additional margin of safety in

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the operation of its facility and stated that it had already initiated activity to provide an engineered design exceeding the requirements of the January 9, 1981 Order. The licensee has scheduled installation of the modifications during the Spring 1981 refueling outage which is scheduled for April 26, 1981. The licensee, therefore, requested an extension of the ordered implementation date to April 26, 1981 to coincide with the scheduled refueling outage.

The requested extension of time is consistent with the intent of the January 9, 1981 Order to provide the required additional margin of safety within a short time period. Operation of the facility up to April 26, 1981 will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, including Sections 103 and 161i, and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Parts 2 and 50, IT IS ORDERED that the April 9, 1981 completion date required in the January 9, 1981 "Order for Modification of License" be extended to April 26, 1981. The Order of January 9, 1981 except as modified herein remains in effect in accordance with its terms.

IV

Any person whose interest may be affected by this Order may request a hearing within 20 days of the date of publication of this Order in the Federal Register. Any request for a hearing will not stay the effective date of this Order. Any request for a hearing shall be addressed to the

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Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555 and shall set forth with particularity the nature of the requester's interest and the manner in which such interest may be affected by this Order. A copy of the request should also be sent to the Executive Legal Director, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555.

V

If a hearing is held concerning this Order, the issue to be considered at the hearing shall be:

Whether the completion date for the automatic air header dump system required by the January 9, 1981 Order for Modification of License, be extended to April 26, 1981.

Operation of the facility on terms consistent with this Order is not stayed by the pendency of any proceedings on the Order.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Darrell G. Eisenhower, Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Effective Date: March 18, 1981
Bethesda, Maryland