Docket No. 50-416

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Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-29, issued to the Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS), located in Clairborne County, Mississippi.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Identification of Proposed Action:

The proposed amendment would consist of revisions to 10 CFR Part 20 references to recognize the new section numbers, revise definitions to ensure consistency with 10 CFR Part 20, and change administrative controls for reporting and recordkeeping to maintain compliance with the new Part 20. The changes would revise the limitations on concentrations of radioactive material released in liquid effluents and the limitations on the dose rate resulting from radioactive material released in gaseous effluents and reflect the relocation of the prior 10 CFR 20.106 requirements to the new 10 CFR 20.1302. These changes are in response to the licensee's application for amendment dated August 11, 1993, implementing the new 10 CFR Part 20.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

of the revised 10 CFR Part 20.

The proposed action is needed in order to retain operational flexibility consistent with 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix I, concurrent with the implementation

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Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The proposed revision, in regards to the actual release rates as referenced in the Technical Specifications (TSs) as a dose rate to the maximally exposed member of the public, will not increase the types or amounts of effluents that may be released offsite, nor increase individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed changes do not affect nonradiological effluents and have no other environmental impact.

Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment to the TSs, any alternative to the amendment either will have no significantly different environmental impact or will have greater environmental impact. The principal alternative would be to deny the requested amendment. This would not reduce environmental impacts as a result of plant operation.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, dated September 1981.

Agencies and persons consulted:

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

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 11, 1993, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Judge George W. Armstrong Library, Post Office Box 1406, S. Commerce at Washington, Natchez, Mississippi 39120.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of January, 1994.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

David L. Wigginton, Acting Director

Project Directorate IV-3

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