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Based on the above, the staff concludes that the licensee's proposal to perform the endurance and margin test following DG inspection/maintenance at a 24-month interval is appropriate and acceptable. The operability of the DGs will continue to be demonstrated by all of the other SRs that are not affected by the proposed change. Endurance and margin capability of the DGs will continue to be demonstrated by SR 3.8.1.13. The only difference will be the increased surveillance interval, which has been shown to have a minimal impact on safety as demonstrated by the licensee in its analysis performed in accordance with GL 91-04.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change the surveillance requirements. 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 (66 FR 38767). 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.

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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