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Dear Mr. Lyster:

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 33 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-58  
(TAC NO. 75595)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 33 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58 for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1. This amendment revises the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated December 19, 1989 as supplemented March 30, 1990.

This amendment revises the Technical Specifications (TS) to remove cycle-specific parameters from the TS and incorporate them into a separate document, the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). Additionally, it adds the COLR definition to the TS replacing an outdated definition "Core Maximum Fraction of Limiting Power Density." Fuel assembly descriptions are generalized and also included in the COLR and the related bases are revised for all affected TS changes. An additional reporting requirement for the COLR has also been added.

A copy of the Safety Evaluation is also enclosed. Notice of Issuance and Final Determination of No Significant Hazards Consideration has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

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1. Amendment No. 33 to License No. NPF-58
2. Safety Evaluation
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DOCKET NO. 50-440

PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 33  
License No. NPF-58

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Duquesne Light Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and Toledo Edison Company (the licensees) dated December 19, 1989 as supplemented March 30, 1990 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. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.
2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C.(2) of Facility Operating License No. NPF-58 is hereby amended to read as follows:

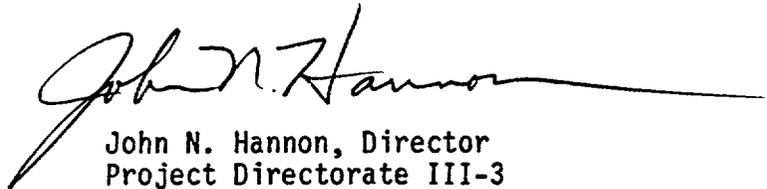
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(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A and the Environmental Protection Plan contained in Appendix B, as revised through Amendment No. 33 are hereby incorporated into this license. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications and the Environmental Protection Plan.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and is to be implemented within 10 days of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John N. Hannon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment:  
Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

Date of issuance: September 13, 1990

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 33

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-58

DOCKET NO. 50-440

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## 1.0 DEFINITIONS

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The following terms are defined so that uniform interpretation of these specifications may be achieved. The defined terms appear in capitalized type and shall be applicable throughout these Technical Specifications.

### ACTION

1.1 ACTION shall be that part of a Specification which prescribes remedial measures required under designated conditions.

### AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE

1.2 The AVERAGE PLANAR EXPOSURE shall be applicable to a specific planar height and is equal to the sum of the exposure of all the fuel rods in the specified bundle at the specified height divided by the number of fuel rods in the fuel bundle.

### AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE

1.3 The AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (APLHGR) shall be applicable to a specific planar height and is equal to the sum of the LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATES for all the fuel rods in the specified bundle at the specified height divided by the number of fuel rods in the fuel bundle.

### CHANNEL CALIBRATION

1.4 A CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall be the adjustment, as necessary, of the channel output such that it responds with the necessary range and accuracy to known values of the parameter which the channel monitors. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION shall encompass the entire channel including the sensor and alarm and/or trip functions, and shall include the CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST. The CHANNEL CALIBRATION may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is calibrated.

### CHANNEL CHECK

1.5 A CHANNEL CHECK shall be the qualitative assessment of channel behavior during operation by observation. This determination shall include, where possible, comparison of the channel indication and/or status with other indications and/or status derived from independent instrument channels measuring the same parameter.

### CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST

1.6 A CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST shall be:

- a. Analog channels - the injection of a simulated signal into the channel as close to the sensor as practicable to verify OPERABILITY including alarm and/or trip functions and channel failure trips.
- b. Bistable channels - the injection of a simulated signal into the sensor to verify OPERABILITY including alarm and/or trip functions.

The CHANNEL FUNCTIONAL TEST may be performed by any series of sequential, overlapping or total channel steps such that the entire channel is tested.

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### CORE ALTERATION

1.7 CORE ALTERATION shall be the addition, removal, relocation or movement of fuel, sources, incore instruments or reactivity controls within the reactor pressure vessel with the vessel head removed and fuel in the vessel. Normal movement of the SRMs, IRMs, LPRMs, TIPS, or special movable detectors is not considered a CORE ALTERATION. Suspension of CORE ALTERATIONS shall not preclude completion of the movement of a component to a safe conservative position.

### CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

1.8 The CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT is the Perry Unit 1-specific document that provides the core operating limits for the current operating reload cycle. These cycle-specific core operating limits shall be determined for each reload cycle in accordance with Specification 6.9.1.9. Plant operation within these operating limits is addressed in individual Specifications.

### CRITICAL POWER RATIO

1.9 The CRITICAL POWER RATIO (CPR) shall be the ratio of that power in the assembly which is calculated by application of a General Electric critical power correlation to cause some point in the assembly to experience boiling transition, divided by the actual assembly operating power.

### DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131

1.10 DOSE EQUIVALENT I-131 shall be that concentration of I-131, microcuries per gram, which alone would produce the same thyroid dose as the quantity and isotopic mixture of I-131, I-132, I-133, I-134, and I-135 actually present. The thyroid dose conversion factors used for this calculation shall be those listed in Table III of TID-14844, "Calculation of Distance Factors for Power and Test Reactor Sites."

### DRYWELL INTEGRITY

1.11 DRYWELL INTEGRITY shall exist when:

- a. All drywell penetrations required to be closed during accident conditions are either:
  1. Capable of being closed by an OPERABLE automatic isolation system, or
  2. Closed by at least one manual valve, blind flange, or deactivated automatic valve secured in its closed position.
- b. The drywell equipment hatch is closed and sealed.
- c. The drywell head is installed and sealed.
- d. The drywell air lock is in compliance with the requirements of Specification 3.6.2.3.
- e. The drywell leakage rates are within the limits of Specification 3.6.2.2.

## POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

### 3/4.2 POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

#### 3/4.2.1 AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.2.1 All AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATES (APLHGRs) shall not exceed the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, when THERMAL POWER is greater than or equal to 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

#### ACTION:

If at any time during operation it is determined that an APLHGR is exceeding the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT, initiate corrective action within 15 minutes and restore APLHGR to within the required limits within 2 hours or reduce THERMAL POWER to less than 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER within the next 4 hours.

#### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.2.1 All APLHGRs shall be verified to be equal to or less than the above limits:

- a. At least once per 24 hours.
- b. Within 12 hours after completion of a THERMAL POWER increase of at least 15% of RATED THERMAL POWER in one hour, and
- c. Initially and at least once per 12 hours when the reactor is operating with a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN for APLHGR.
- d. The provisions of Specification 4.0.4 are not applicable.

## POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

### 3/4.2.2 MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.2.2 The MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO (MCPR) shall be equal to or greater than the MCPR limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT at the indicated core flow, THERMAL POWER,  $\Delta T^*$  and core average exposure compared to End of Cycle Exposure (EOCE)\*\*.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, when THERMAL POWER is greater than or equal to 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

#### ACTION:

With MCPR less than the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT, initiate corrective action within 15 minutes and restore MCPR to within the required limit within 2 hours or reduce THERMAL POWER to less than 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER within the next 4 hours.

#### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.2.2 MCPR shall be determined to be equal to or greater than the limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT:

- a. At least once per 24 hours,
- b. Within 12 hours after completion of a THERMAL POWER increase of at least 15% of RATED THERMAL POWER in one hour, and
- c. Initially and at least once per 12 hours when the reactor is operating with a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN for MCPR.
- d. The provisions of Specification 4.0.4 are not applicable.

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\*This  $\Delta T$  refers to the planned reduction of rated feedwater temperature from nominal rated feedwater temperature (420°F), such as prolonged removal of feedwater heater(s) from service.

\*\*End of Cycle Exposure (EOCE) is defined as 1) the core average exposures at which there is no longer sufficient reactivity to achieve RATED THERMAL POWER with rated core flow, all control rods withdrawn, all feedwater heaters in service and equilibrium Xenon, or 2) as specified by the fuel vendor.

## POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMIT

### 3/4.2.3 LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE

#### LIMITING CONDITION FOR OPERATION

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3.2.3 The LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (LHGR) shall not exceed the limit specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.

APPLICABILITY: OPERATIONAL CONDITION 1, when THERMAL POWER is greater than or equal to 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER.

#### ACTION:

With the LHGR of any fuel rod exceeding the limit, initiate corrective action within 15 minutes and restore the LHGR to within the limit within 2 hours or reduce THERMAL POWER to less than 25% of RATED THERMAL POWER within the next 4 hours.

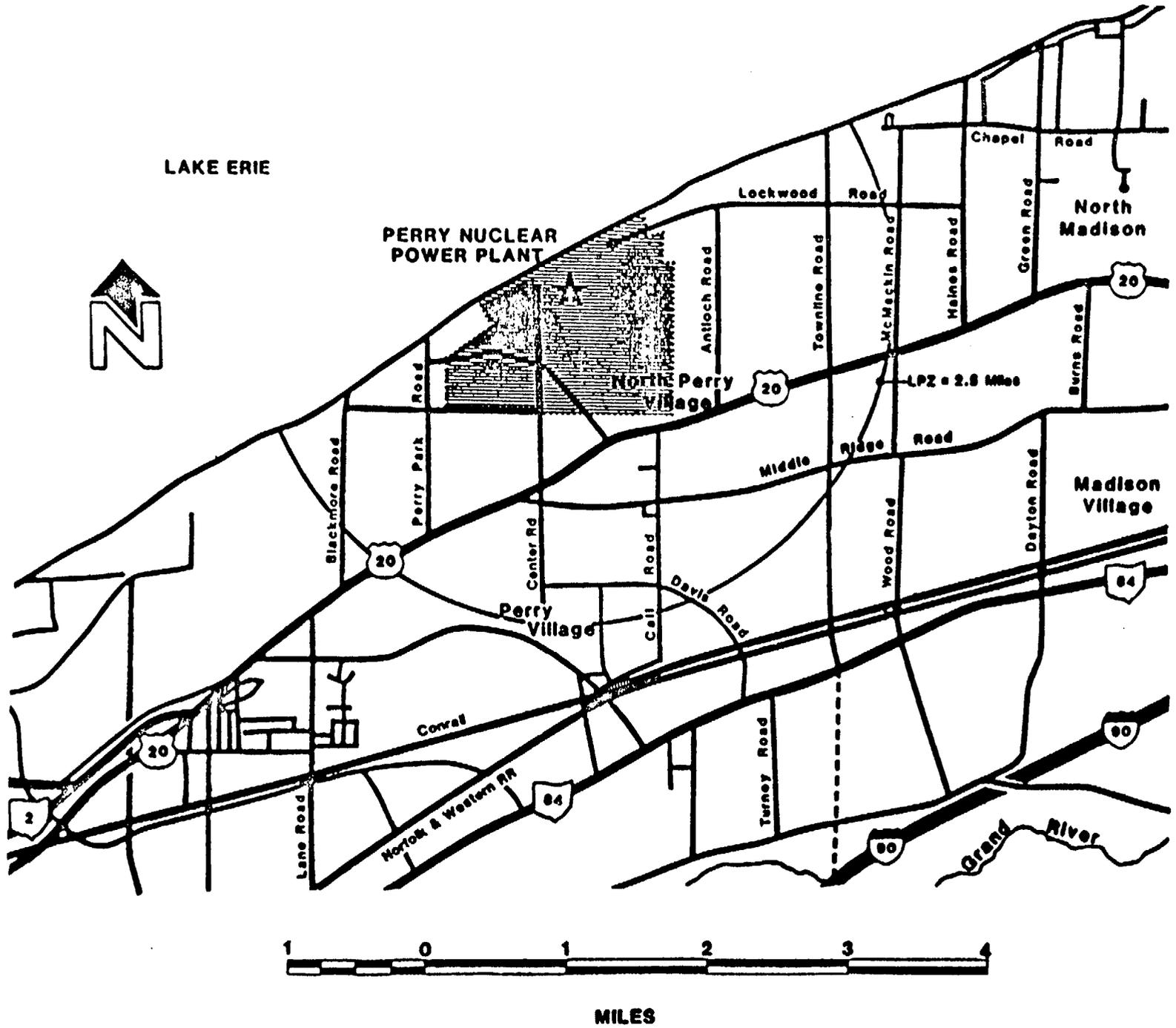
#### SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS

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4.2.3 LHGR's shall be determined to be equal to or less than the limit:

- a. At least once per 24 hours,
- b. Within 12 hours after completion of a THERMAL POWER increase of at least 15% of RATED THERMAL POWER in one hour, and
- c. Initially and at least once per 12 hours when the reactor is operating on a LIMITING CONTROL ROD PATTERN for LHGR.
- d. The provisions of Specification 4.0.4 are not applicable.

LOW POPULATION ZONE  
FIGURE 5.1.2-1



## DESIGN FEATURES

### DESIGN TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE (Continued)

- b. Maximum internal temperature:
  - 1. Drywell 330°F.
  - 2. Suppression pool 185°F.
- c. Maximum external to internal differential pressure:
  - 1. Drywell 21 psid.
  - 2. Containment 0.8 psid.

### SECONDARY CONTAINMENT

5.2.3 The secondary containment consists of the annulus between the shield building and the primary containment and has a minimum free volume of 392,548 cubic feet.

### 5.3 REACTOR CORE

#### FUEL ASSEMBLIES

5.3.1 The reactor shall contain 748 fuel assemblies. Each assembly shall consist of a matrix of Zircaloy clad fuel rods with an initial composition of slightly enriched uranium dioxide ( $UO_2$ ) as fuel material. Fuel assemblies shall be limited to those fuel designs approved by the NRC Staff for use in BWR's.

#### CONTROL ROD ASSEMBLIES

5.3.2 The reactor core shall contain 177 control rod assemblies, each consisting of a cruciform array of stainless steel tubes containing 143.7 inches of boron carbide,  $B_4C$ , powder surrounded by a cruciform shaped stainless steel sheath.

### 5.4 REACTOR COOLANT SYSTEM

#### DESIGN PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE

- 5.4.1 The reactor coolant system is designed and shall be maintained:
- a. In accordance with the code requirements specified in Section 5.2 of the FSAR, with allowance for normal degradation pursuant to the applicable Surveillance Requirements,
  - b. For a pressure of:
    - 1. 1250 psig on the suction side of the recirculation pump.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

### SEMIANNUAL RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENT RELEASE REPORT (Continued)

The Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Reports shall include any changes made during the reporting period to the PROCESS CONTROL PROGRAM (PCP) and to the OFFSITE DOSE CALCULATION MANUAL (ODCM), pursuant to Specifications 6.13 and 6.14, respectively, as well as any major change to Liquid, Gaseous, or Solid Radwaste Treatment Systems pursuant to Specification 6.15. It shall also include a listing of new locations for dose calculations and/or environmental monitoring identified by the Land Use Census pursuant to Specification 3.12.2.

The Semiannual Radioactive Effluent Release Reports shall also include the following: an explanation as to why the inoperability of liquid or gaseous effluent monitoring instrumentation was not corrected within the time specified in Specification 3.3.7.9 or 3.3.7.10, respectively; and description of the events leading to liquid holdup tanks exceeding the limits of Specification 3.11.1.4.

### MONTHLY OPERATING REPORTS

6.9.1.8 Routine reports of operating statistics and shutdown experience shall be submitted on a monthly basis to the Director, Office of Resource Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, with a copy to the Regional Administrator of the Regional Office no later than the 15th of each month following the calendar month covered by the report.

### CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT

6.9.1.9 Core operating limits shall be established and documented in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT before each reload cycle or any remaining part of a reload cycle for the following:

- (1) The Average Planar Linear Heat Generation Rate (APLHGR) for Technical Specification 3.2.1.
- (2) The Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) for Technical Specification 3.2.2.
- (3) The Linear Heat Generation Rate (LHGR) for Technical Specification 3.2.3.

The analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits shall be those previously reviewed and approved by NRC in NEDE-24011-P-A, General Electric Standard Application for Reactor Fuel. (The approved revision at the time reload analyses are performed shall be identified in the COLR.)

The core operating limits shall be determined so that all applicable limits (e.g., fuel thermal-mechanical limits, core thermal-hydraulic limits, ECCS limits, nuclear limits such as SHUTDOWN MARGIN, and transient and accident analysis limits) of the safety analysis are met.

The CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT, including any mid-cycle revisions or supplements thereto, shall be provided upon issuance, for each reload cycle, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk with copies to the Regional Administrator and Resident Inspector.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS

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### SPECIAL REPORTS

6.9.2 Special reports shall be submitted to the Regional Administrator of the Regional Office within the time period specified for each report.

6.9.3 Safety-relief valve failures will be reported to the Regional Administrator of the Regional Office of the NRC via the Licensee Event Report system within 30 days.

6.9.4 Violations of the requirements of the fire protection program described in the Final Safety Analysis Report which would have adversely affected the ability to achieve and maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire shall be reported to the Regional Administrator of the Regional Office of the NRC via the Licensee Event Report system within 30 days.

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### 6.10 RECORD RETENTION

6.10.1 In addition to the applicable record retention requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, the following records shall be retained for at least the minimum period indicated.

6.10.2 The following records shall be retained for at least 5 years:

- a. Records and logs of unit operation covering the interval at each power level.
- b. Records and logs of principal maintenance activities, inspections, repair, and replacement of principal items of equipment related to nuclear safety.

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### RECORD RETENTION (Continued)

- c. All REPORTABLE EVENTS.
- d. Records of surveillance activities, inspections, and calibrations required by these Technical Specifications.
- e. Records of changes made to the procedures required by Specification 6.8.1.
- f. Records of radioactive shipments.
- g. Records of sealed source and fission detector leak tests and results.
- h. Records of annual physical inventory of all sealed source material of record.

6.10.3 The following records shall be retained for the duration of the unit Operating License:

- a. Records and drawing changes reflecting unit design modifications made to systems and equipment described in the Final Safety Analysis Report.
- b. Records of new and irradiated fuel inventory, fuel transfers, and assembly burnup histories.
- c. Records of radiation exposure for all individuals entering radiation control areas.
- d. Records of gaseous and liquid radioactive material released to the environs.
- e. Records of transient or operational cycles for those unit components identified in Table 5.7.1-1.
- f. Records of reactor tests and experiments.
- g. Records of training and qualification for current members of the unit staff.
- h. Records of inservice inspections performed pursuant to these Technical Specifications.
- i. Records of quality assurance activities required by the Operational Quality Assurance Manual.
- j. Records of reviews performed for changes made to procedures or equipment or reviews of tests and experiments pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59.
- k. Records of meetings of the PORC and the NSRC.

## 3/4.2 POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITS

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The specifications of this section assure that the peak cladding temperature following the postulated design basis loss-of-coolant accident will not exceed the 2200°F limit specified in 10 CFR 50.46.

#### 3/4.2.1 AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE

This specification assures that the peak cladding temperature (PCT) following the postulated design basis Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) will not exceed the limits specified in 10 CFR 50.46 and that the fuel design analysis limits specified in GESTAR-II (Reference 1) will not be exceeded.

The peak cladding temperature (PCT) following a postulated loss-of-coolant accident is primarily a function of the average heat generation rate of all the rods of a fuel assembly at any axial location and is dependent only secondarily on the rod to rod power distribution within an assembly. The peak clad temperature is calculated assuming a LHGR for the highest powered rod which is equal to or less than the design LHGR corrected for densification. This LHGR times 1.02 is used in the heatup code along with the exposure dependent steady state gap conductance and rod-to-rod local peaking factor. The Technical Specification AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (APLHGR) is this LHGR of the highest powered rod divided by its local peaking factor. The MAPLHGR limits specified in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT are multiplied by the smaller of either the flow dependent MAPLHGR factor ( $MAPFAC_f$ ) or the power dependent MAPLHGR factor ( $MAPFAC_p$ ) corresponding to existing core flow and power state to assure the adherence to fuel mechanical design bases during the most limiting transient.  $MAPFAC_f$ 's are determined using the three-dimensional BWR simulator code to analyze slow flow runout transients.  $MAPFAC_p$ 's are generated using the same data base as the  $M CPR_p$  to protect the core from plant transients other than core flow increases.

The Technical Specification MAPLHGR value is the most limiting composite of the fuel mechanical design analysis MAPLHGR and the ECCS MAPLHGR.

**Fuel Mechanical Design Analysis:** NRC approved methods (specified in Reference 1) are used to demonstrate that all fuel rods in a lattice, operating at the bounding power history, meet the fuel design limits specified in Reference 1. This bounding power history is used as the basis for the fuel design analysis MAPLHGR value.

**LOCA Analysis:** A LOCA analysis is performed in accordance with 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix K to demonstrate that the MAPLHGR values comply with the ECCS limits specified in 10 CFR 50.46. The analysis is performed for the most limiting break size, break location, and single failure combination for the plant.

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#### AVERAGE PLANAR LINEAR HEAT GENERATION RATE (Continued)

Only the most limiting MAPLHGR values are shown in the Technical Specification figures for multiple lattice fuel. When hand calculations are required, these Technical Specification MAPLHGR figure values for that fuel type are used for all lattices in that bundle.

For some GE fuel bundle designs MAPLHGR depends only on bundle type and burnup. Other GE fuel bundles have MAPLHGRs that vary axially depending upon the specific combination of enriched uranium and gadolinia that comprises a fuel bundle cross section at a particular axial node. Each particular combination of enriched uranium and gadolinia, for these fuel bundle types, is called a lattice type by GE. These particular fuel bundle types have MAPLHGRs that vary by lattice type (axially) as well as with fuel burnup.

Approved MAPLHGR values (limiting values of APLHGR) as a function of fuel and lattice types, and as a function of the average planar exposure are provided in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT.

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#### 3/4.2.2 MINIMUM CRITICAL POWER RATIO

The required operating limit MCPRs at steady state operating conditions as specified in Specification 3.2.2 are derived from the established fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit MCPR of 1.07 and an analysis of the limiting operational transients. For any abnormal operating transient analysis evaluation with the initial condition of the reactor being at the steady state operating limit, it is required that the resulting MCPR does not decrease below the Safety Limit MCPR at any time during the transient assuming instrument trip setting given in Specification 2.2.

To assure that the fuel cladding integrity Safety Limit is not exceeded during any anticipated abnormal operational transient, the most limiting transients have been analyzed to determine which result in the largest reduction in CRITICAL POWER RATIO (CPR). The type of transients evaluated are documented in the USAR and Reference 1. The limiting transient yields the largest delta CPR. When added to the Safety Limit MCPR, the required operating limit MCPR of Specification 3.2.2 is obtained. The power-flow map of Figure B 3/4 2.2-1 defines the analytical basis for generation of the MCPR operating limits.

The evaluation of a given transient begins with the system initial parameters shown in USAR Chapter 15 and/or Reference 1, that are input to a GE-core dynamic behavior transient computer program. The codes used to evaluate these events are described in Reference 1.

The purpose of the  $MCPR_f$  and  $MCPR_p$  is to define operating limits at other than rated core flow and power conditions. At less than 100% of rated flow and power the required MCPR is the larger value of the  $MCPR_f$  and  $MCPR_p$  at the existing core flow and power state. The  $MCPR_f$ s are established to protect the core from inadvertent core flow increases such that the 99.9% MCPR limit requirement can be assured.

The  $MCPR_p$  figure contained in the CORE OPERATING LIMITS REPORT also reflects the Required MCPR values resulting from the analysis performed to justify operation with the feedwater temperature ranging from 420°F to 320°F at 100% RATED THERMAL POWER steady state conditions, and also beyond the end of cycle with the feedwater temperature ranging from 420°F and 250°F.

The  $MCPR_f$ s were calculated such that for the maximum core flow rate and the corresponding THERMAL POWER along a conservative steep generic power flow control line, the limiting bundle's relative power was adjusted until the MCPR was slightly above the Safety Limit. Using this relative bundle power, the MCPRs were calculated at different points along this conservative steep power flow control line corresponding to different core flows. The calculated MCPR at a given point of core flow is defined as  $MCPR_f$ .



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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 33 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-58  
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, ET AL.  
PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1  
DOCKET NO. 50-440

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 19, 1989, as supplemented by letter dated March 30, 1990, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al. (licensees), proposed changes to the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1. The proposed changes would modify specifications having cycle-specific parameter limits by replacing the values of those limits with a reference to the Unit 1, Core Operating Limits Report for the values of those limits. The proposed changes also include the addition of the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR) to the Definitions section and to the reporting requirements of the Administrative Controls section of TS. Guidance on the proposed changes was developed by NRC on the basis of the review of a lead-plant proposal submitted on the Oconee plant docket that was endorsed by the Babcock and Wilcox Owners Group. This guidance was provided to all power reactor licensees and applicants by Generic Letter 88-16, dated October 4, 1988.

EVALUATION

The licensees' proposed changes to the TS are in accordance with the guidance provided by Generic Letter 88-16 and are addressed below.

- (1) The Definitions section of the TS was modified to include a definition of the COLR that requires cycle reload-specific parameter limits to be established on a unit-specific basis in accordance with an NRC-approved methodology that maintains the limits of the safety analysis. The definition notes that plant operation within these limits is addressed by individual specifications.
- (2) The following specifications were revised as shown to replace the values of cycle-specific parameter limits with a reference to the COLR that provides these limits:

TS 3.2.1 - Average Planer Linear Heat Generation Rates

1. Transfer the fuel and/or lattice-dependent Maximum Average Planer Linear Heat Generation Rates (MAPLHGR) limit curves to the COLR.
2. Transfer the cycle/analysis methodology-dependent MAPLHGR power and flow factor parametric curves (MAPFAC<sub>p</sub> and MAPFAC<sub>f</sub>) to the COLR.

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TS 3.2.2 - Minimum Critical Power Ratio

1. Transfer the cycle/analysis methodology-dependent Minimum Critical Power Ratio (MCPR) power and flow factor parametric curves ( $MCPR_p$  and  $MCPR_f$ ) to the COLR.

TS 3.2.3 - Linear Heat Generation Rate

1. Transfer the fuel and/or lattice-specific values of the Linear Heat Generation Rate (LHGR) from the above TS to the COLR.

- (3) Specification 6.9.1.9, Core Operating Limits Report, was added to the reporting requirements of the Administrative Controls section of the TS. This specification requires that the COLR be submitted, upon issuance, to the NRC Document Control Desk with copies to the Regional Administrator and Resident Inspector. The report provides the values of cycle-specific parameter limits that are applicable for the current fuel cycle. Furthermore, this specification requires that the values of these limits be established using the NRC-approved methodology in General Electric Standard Application for Reactor Fuel-GESTARII: NEDE-24011-P-A-US (US Supplement latest approved version) and consistent with all applicable limits of the safety analysis. Finally, the specification requires that all changes in cycle-specific parameter limits be documented in the COLR before each reload cycle or remaining part of a reload cycle and submitted upon issuance to NRC, prior to operation with the new parameter limits.

The staff recommended one additional change to Specification 6.9.1.9, to modify the proposed parenthetical reference "latest approved revision" to "The approved revision number at the time reload analyses are performed shall be identified in the COLR." This minor clarification was verbally agreed to by the licensees on September 13, 1990, and has been incorporated.

Additionally, the licensees' submittal modified TS 5.3.1 for description of fuel assemblies to be more generic. The staff has reviewed the licensees' description of fuel assemblies and finds it to be acceptable.

The licensees also included in their submittals, as requested in Generic Letter 88-16, a sample Core Operating Limits Report. The staff reviewed the sample COLR with regard to format and content. Following incorporation of minor changes to the format in response to the staff's suggestions, the staff finds the licensees' sample COLR to be acceptable.

On the basis of the review of the above items, the NRC staff concludes that the licensee provided an acceptable response to those items as addressed in the NRC guidance in Generic letter 88-16 on modifying cycle-specific parameter limits in TS. Because plant operation continues to be limited in accordance with the values of cycle-specific parameter limits that are established using an NRC-approved methodology,

the NRC staff concludes that this change is administrative in nature and there is no impact on plant safety as a consequence. Accordingly, the staff finds the proposed changes acceptable.

#### FINAL NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION

The staff has evaluated this proposed amendment and determined that it involves no significant hazards considerations. According to 10 CFR 50.92(c), a proposed amendment to an operating license involves no significant hazards consideration if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or
2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or
3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed revision to the TSs is in accordance with the guidance provided in Generic Letter 88-16 for licensees requesting removal of the values of cycle-specific parameter limits from TSs. The establishment of these limits in accordance with an NRC-approved methodology and the incorporation of these limits into the Core Operating Limits Report will ensure that proper steps have been taken to establish the values of these limits. Furthermore, the submittal of the Core Operating Limits Report will allow the staff to continue to trend the values of these limits without the need for prior staff approval of these limits and without introduction of an unreviewed safety question.

The proposed amendment would not alter the requirement that the plant be operated within the limits for cycle-specific parameters nor the required remedial actions that must be taken when these limits are not met. While it is recognized that such requirements are essential to plant safety, the values of the physical cycle-specific limits are determined in accordance with NRC-approved methods and thus, do not affect nuclear safety. Cycle-specific parameters calculated by required computer codes would be incorporated into the Core Operating Limits Report and submitted to the NRC as a matter of information.

Because the values of cycle-specific parameter limits will continue to be determined in accordance with an NRC-approved methodology and remain consistent with the applicable limits of the safety analysis, these changes would not increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The revised specifications, including the removal of the values of cycle-specific parameter limits and the addition of the Core Operating Limits Report for these limits, would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from those previously evaluated because the

cycle-specific parameters are calculated by computer codes and methods which are approved by NRC for determination of NRC regulatory limits for core design and operating conditions. The removal of the cycle-specific parameters would not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety since this change does not alter the required methods which must be used to establish the cycle-specific limits. The NRC staff considers these proposed changes to be administrative in nature and that they do not affect the operation of the facility in a manner that involves significant hazards consideration.

#### STATE CONSULTATION

The State of Ohio (State) has expressed interest in this amendment and Ohio Citizens for Responsible Energy (OCRE) has been admitted as a party to the proceeding before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. Neither takes exception to the no significant hazards determinations proposed by the staff in the Federal Register (55 FR 4282) and (55 FR 18690) dated February 7 and May 3, 1990. We have advised the State that we are proceeding with the amendment request because to do otherwise would be prejudicial to the licensees and could potentially cause significant outage delay.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves a change to a requirement with respect to the installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 or a change to a surveillance requirement. The staff has determined that the amendment involves 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 made a final no significant hazards consideration finding with respect to this amendment. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). This amendment also involves changes in recordkeeping, reporting or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, with respect to these items, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR §51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

#### CONCLUSION

The staff 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, and (2) 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.

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRICAL ILLUMINATING COMPANY ET AL.  
DOCKET NO. 50-440  
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING  
LICENSE AND FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 33 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58, issued to the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Duquesne Light Company, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, and Toledo Edison Company (the licensees) which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1, located in Lake County, Ohio. The amendment was effective as of the date of its issuance, to be implemented within 10 days of issuance.

The amendment removed cycle-specific parameters from the Technical Specifications (TSs) Sections 3.2.1 (Average Planer Linear Heat Generation Rate), 3.2.2 (Minimum Critical Power Ratio), and 3.2.3 (Linear Heat Generation Rate), and placed them in the Core Operating Limits Report (COLR). It also modified Section 5.3.1 of the TS for fuel descriptions and added a definition for the COLR to the TS. It also added a reporting requirement to submit the COLR to the NRC staff for information.

The application 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 amendments.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment and Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination in connection with this action was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on February 7, 1990 (55 FR 4282). A supplement to the request was noticed in the FEDERAL REGISTER on May 3, 1990 (55 FR 18690). A request for a hearing was filed on March 8, 1990 by Susan L. Hiatt on behalf of the Ohio Citizens for Responsible Energy, and on May 31, 1990 by the Utility Radiological Safety Board of Ohio on behalf of the State of Ohio.

Under its regulations, the Commission may issue and make an amendment immediately effective, notwithstanding the pendency before it of a request for a hearing from any person, in advance of the holding and completion of any required hearing, where it has determined that no significant hazards consideration is involved.

The Commission has applied the standards of 10 CFR 50.92 and has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The basis for this determination is contained in the Safety Evaluation related to this action. Accordingly, as described above, the amendment has been issued and made immediately effective and any hearing will be held after issuance.

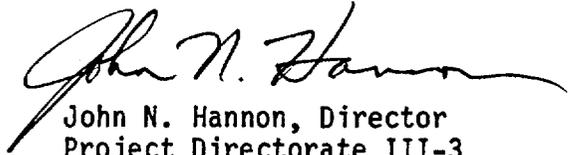
The Commission has determined that this amendment satisfies the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) and (10). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action see (1) the application for amendment dated December 19, 1989 as supplemented March 30, 1990, (2) Amendment No. 33 to License No. NPF-58, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at

the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, D. C. and at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, Ohio. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Reactor Projects III, IV, V and Special Projects.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 13th day of September 1990.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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