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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
RELATED TO APPROVAL OF AN OWNERSHIP TRANSFER - PERRY NUCLEAR POWER  
PLANT, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. M94375)

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact related to a request for approval under 10 CFR 50.80 of a license transfer discussed in an application, dated December 29, 1995, from Ohio Edison Company, submitted under cover of a letter from Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge. The proposal requests approval of a transfer of the license resulting from the transfer of Ohio Edison Company's 12.58-percent ownership share with respect to certain common facilities to a wholly owned subsidiary, OES Nuclear, Inc.

The assessment is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-440

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, ET AL.  
DOCKET NO. 50-440  
PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF  
NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval of the transfer of Facility Operating License No. NPF-58, issued to The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al., the licensees, for operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1, located in Lake County, Ohio.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Identification of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would consent to the transfer of the license with respect to Ohio Edison Company's (Ohio Edison) 12.58-percent ownership interest in the "common facilities" of the Perry plant to its wholly owned subsidiary, OES Nuclear, Inc. (OES).

The proposed action is in accordance with Ohio Edison's request for approval dated December 29, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is required to obtain the necessary consent to the transfer of the license discussed above. The underlying transaction is needed to allow Ohio Edison to reduce its current operating costs.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has reviewed the proposed action and concludes that there will be no changes to the facility or its operation as a result of the proposed action. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, documented in NUREG-0884.

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 5, 1996, the staff consulted with the Ohio State official, C. O'Clare of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

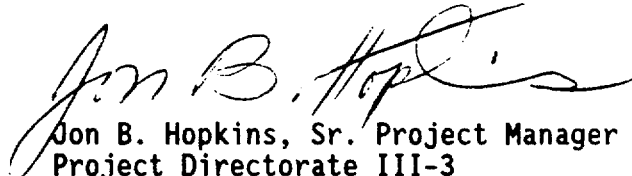
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes 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 action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the Ohio Edison submittal under cover of letter from Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, dated December 29, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, Ohio 44081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of June 1996.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
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