

February 10, 1986

TO ALL LICENSEES OF OPERATING REACTORS AND APPLICANTS FOR AN OPERATING
LICENSE

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE AMENDMENTS
(Generic Letter 86-03)

During the past year, I have evaluated the difficulties in providing timely notices in the Federal Register regarding license amendments proposed for issuance. One of the reasons for these difficulties is that too often the information called for by 10 CFR 50.91(a)(1) regarding an analysis of no significant hazards consideration using the standards of 10 CFR 50.92 is not provided with the amendment request.

The enclosed discussion is for your information and guidance. Its purpose is to reduce delays in processing Federal Register Notices regarding license amendment requests. Included with the discussion is an example of a submittal which the staff found to contain an adequate analysis of the no significant hazards consideration.

You are requested to ensure that all future amendment requests contain sufficient documentation to specifically address each factor under 10 CFR 50.92(c). An adequate submittal would include a detailed basis sufficiently comprehensive on the issue of no significant hazards consideration to permit the staff to file a timely Federal Register Notice. The staff's objective is to have most routine Federal Register Notices published within 20 working days of receipt of a license amendment request.

In the event that the staff is unable to find that an adequate basis to support a finding regarding no significant hazards consideration has been provided, I have directed the Project Director to return the application so that the necessary information can be included. This will also highlight to utility management any significant problem the staff is experiencing with your amendment requests. Any such determination will be made by the staff within six working days of receipt. Your Project Manager will promptly notify you and return the amendment request accordingly.

No specific response to this letter is required. Please contact your Project Manager if you have any questions.

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
As stated

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