



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
PO Box 43172 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3172

50-597

July 14, 2004

Mr. William A. Macon, Jr.
Licensing Project Manager
NRR/DLPM (Mail Stop 0-7D3)
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Columbia Generating Station License Amendment Request
RE: Control Room Emergency Filtration (CREF) System

Dear Mr. Macon:

The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Council) has completed its review of Energy Northwest's request for an amendment to the Columbia Generating Station (Columbia) Operating License (NPF-21) to revise Technical Specification 3.7.3, "Control Room Emergency Filtration (CREF) System," to address a degraded main control room envelope pressure boundary. Specifically, the proposed revisions would allow Energy Northwest up to 24 hours to restore the control room boundary to operable status when two trains of the CREF system are inoperable due to an inoperable control room boundary in Modes 1, 2, and 3. In addition, a note would be included that would allow the pressure boundary to be opened intermittently under administrative controls.

The Council has "no adverse comments" on the proposed amendment request. The Council's process provides for review of Columbia amendment requests by the state Department of Health Nuclear Safety Section, and it's my understanding that Mr. Richard Cowley of that office has been in contact with NRC and indicated his recommendation for a "no comment" response.

The Council was notified of the proposed amendment request by Energy Northwest in accordance with the notification requirements of 10 CFR 50.91.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this amendment application.

Sincerely,

Mike Mills
Compliance Manager

A003

cc: Bill Kiel, Energy Northwest
Richard Cowley, Department of Health

