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MEMORANDUM TO: Biweekly Notice Coordinator

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE - NOTICE
OF CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE, PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS
CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A
HEARING (TAC NO. J00325)

Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Docket No. 50-133, Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP), Unit 3

Humboldt County, California

Date of amendment request: April 4, 2007

Description of amendment request: The licensee has proposed amending the existing license to allow the results of near-term surveys, performed on a portion of the plant site, to be included in the eventual Final Status Survey (FSS) for license termination.

Basis for proposed no significant hazards consideration determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

- (1) Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change would allow survey results for a specific area within the licensed site area, performed prior to Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) Unit 3 decommissioning and dismantlement activities, to be used in the overall licensed site area Final Status

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- (2) Does the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed change does not involve a physical alteration to the plant or require existing equipment to be operated in a manner different from the present design. Implementation of a cross contamination prevention and monitoring plan will be done in accordance with plant procedures and licensing bases documents. Therefore, the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident evaluated.

- (3) Does the change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The proposed change has no effect on existing plant equipment, operating practices, or safety analysis assumptions. Therefore, the proposed change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

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