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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 4:21 PM  
**To:** Allen, William  
**Cc:** Zelenak, Brian R  
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Information

Chris,

This Licensing Amendment Request submitted on June 18, 2012 satisfies both the categorical exclusion of 10 CFR 51.22(b) as a regulatory action not requiring environmental review and the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 51.60(b)(2) indicating when an environmental report is not required.

The LAR, which requests a revision to the minimum total thermal conductance of the TN-40HT neutron absorber and the aluminum 1100 plate, from 3.98 BTU/hr-deg F to 3.55 BTU/hr-deg F (TS 4.3.2.b – Thermal Conductivity Testing Of Neutron Absorbers), is an amendment to a material license identified in 10 CFR 51.60(b)(1) which is administrative, organizational, or procedural in nature, or which result in a change in process operations or equipment and does not involve:

- i) a significant expansion of the site;
- ii) a significant change in the types of effluents;
- iii) a significant increase the amount of effluents;
- iv) a significant increase the individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure;
- v) a significant increase the potential for radiological accidents; or
- vi) a significant increase spent fuel storage capacity.

The LAR does not result in a change in the criteria contained in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11) for the issuance of a license amendment and the criteria in 10 CFR 51.60(b)(2) for when an environmental report is required (restated in i) through vi) above). The changes proposed in the LAR do not require any changes to the PI ISFSI Environmental Report and all current Safety Analysis Report analyses remain bounding.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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**From:** Allen, William [<mailto:William.Allen@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 05, 2012 12:36 PM

**To:** Zelenak, Brian R

**Subject:** Environmental Information

The license amendment request you submitted on June 18, 2012 should have included information relative to an environmental review of your application. It did not, and unfortunately, I did not notice this until after our letter requesting supplemental information was issued. Therefore, please let me know if you believe the amendment request satisfies one of the categorical exclusion criteria listed in 10 CFR Part 51. If you do not believe it meets one of the categorical exclusion criteria in 10 CFR Part 51, you will need to provide additional information about the environmental impacts of the amendment in order for staff to perform an environmental review of the amendment application. If you are unable to provide this information in your response, we will request it of you in a letter by January, 2013.

Chris Allen