

Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The proposed alternate inspection program would ensure that excessive leakage from the primary containment from the repaired areas of the Core Spray minimum flow lines does not exist and would provide a level of safety at least equivalent to that attained by compliance with section IV.A. of appendix J to 10 CFR part 50. On this basis, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with this proposed exemption.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted areas as defined in 10 CFR part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternative 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. This alternative would also result in an unwarranted extension of the fall 1993 maintenance outage beyond the planned 3 weeks.

Alternative Use of Resources

The actions associated with the granting of the proposed exemption as detailed above do not involve the use of resources not previously considered in connection with the "Final Environmental Statement Related to Operation of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant," dated March 1973.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

The Commission consulted with the State of New York regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

Based on the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's application for

exemption dated June 28, 1993. This document is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555 and at the Reference and Documents Department, Penfield Library, State University of New York, Oswego, New York.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of July, 1993.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Regulatory Guide; Withdrawal

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.108, "Periodic Testing of Diesel Generator Units Used as Onsite Electric Power Systems at Nuclear Power Plants." The guide was issued in August 1976 (Revision 1, August 1977) to provide guidance on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for periodic testing of diesel generator units to ensure the units could meet availability requirements.

The guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.108 has been updated and incorporated into Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.9, "Selection, Design, Qualification, and Testing of Emergency Diesel Generator Units Used as Class IE Onsite Electric Power Systems at Nuclear Power Plants," which was issued recently. Since there is no longer a need for Regulatory Guide 1.108, it has been withdrawn. However, the withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 1.108 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use.

Regulatory guides may also be withdrawn when they are superseded by the Commission's regulations, when equivalent recommendations have been incorporated in applicable approved codes and standards, or when changes in methods and techniques or in the need for specific guidance have made them obsolete.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Regulatory Publications Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision to a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 8.9, "Acceptable Models, Equations, and Assumptions for a Bioassay Program," describes practical and consistent methods acceptable to the NRC staff for estimating intake of radionuclides using bioassay measurements.

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Regulatory Guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Copies of issued guides may be purchased from the Government Printing Office at the current GPO price. Information on current GPO prices may be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Post Office Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082, telephone (202) 512-2249 or (202) 512-2171. Issued guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July, 1993.