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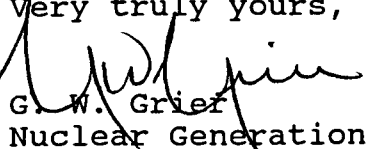
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Supplement 3 to the Proposed Technical
Specification Amendments Which Revised the
Frequency of the Radiological Effluent
Report

Gentlemen:

By letter dated February 25, 1993, supplemented May 20, 1993 and August 11, 1993, Duke Power Company submitted proposed amendments to the Technical Specifications(TS) for Catawba and Oconee Nuclear Stations which revised the frequency of the Radiological Effluent Report. Subsequently, during a telephone conversation with a member of your staff, we were asked to provide additional justification for changing the report submission date from "within 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year" to "before May 1 of each year". Attached, find the additional justification in the form of a revised copy of Attachment I(Technical Discussion, No Significant Hazards and Environmental Analysis). A copy of this revised submittal has been provided to the appropriate South Carolina state official.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed information, please call A.D. Jones-Young at (704) 382-3154.

Very truly yours,


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ATTACHMENT I

DUKE POWER COMPANY
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CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION
SUPPLEMENT 3

Technical Discussion, No Significant Hazards and Environmental
Impact Analysis

Technical Discussion

The purpose of the proposed amendment requests for Catawba and Oconee Nuclear Stations are to:

1. Revise the frequency and the submission date for the Radiological Effluent Report

The basis for this change is provided in the following paragraph.

1. Revise the frequency and the submission date for the Radiological Effluent Report

The NRC amended its regulations to reduce the regulatory burden on nuclear licensees. This action reflects an initiative undertaken by the Commission in response to a Presidential memorandum requesting that selected Federal agencies review and modify regulations that would eliminate any unnecessary burden of governmental regulations and ensure that the regulated community is not subject to duplicative or inconsistent regulation. Revising the requirement for the submission of reports concerning the quantity of principal nuclides released to unrestricted areas in liquid and gaseous effluents from semiannually to annually was an area identified where regulations could be revised to reduce regulatory burden on licensees without in any way reducing the protection for the public health and safety or the common defense and security.

Changing the submission date of the report from "within 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year" to "before May 1 of each year" will also reduce the regulatory burden on the licensee because the additional time will allow the required information to be collected, sent to a vendor for analysis and returned to Duke for inclusion in the final report. In the past, supplementary reports would have to be submitted because the original report lacked the vendor analysis. Sometimes, the vendor analysis would take 60 days to complete.

No Significant Hazards Analysis

10 CFR 50.91 requires that the following analysis be provided concerning whether the proposed amendment requests involved a significant hazards consideration as defined in 10 CFR 50.92. Standards for determination that an amendment request does not involve a significant hazards consideration are if operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not: 1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or, 2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated; or, 3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

1. Revise the frequency and submission date for the Radiological Effluent Report

The proposed revision to the frequency and submission date of the Radiological Effluent Report will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated because there will be no change in the types and amounts of effluents that will be released, nor will there be an increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

Implementation of the revised frequency and submission date for the Radiological Effluent Report will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated because the revision is administrative and will not change the types and amounts of effluents that will be released. By modifying the regulations to eliminate any unnecessary burden of duplicative or inconsistent regulatory reporting, the present margin of safety is not reduced.

Accordingly, this proposed change does not involve a significant hazard.

Environmental Impact Analysis

The proposed TS amendments have been reviewed against the criteria of 10 CFR 51.22 for environmental considerations. The proposed amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration, nor increase the types and amounts of effluents that may be released offsite, nor increase individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures. The proposed amendment requests are administrative in nature and therefore, meet the criteria given in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9) for a categorical exclusion from the requirement for an Environmental Impact Statement.