

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In The Matter of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Diablo Canyon Power Plant
Units 1 and 2

) Docket No. 50-275
) Facility Operating License
) No. DPR-80

) Docket No. 50-323
) Facility Operating License
) No. DPR-82

License Amendment Request No. 92-10

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby applies to amend its Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82 (Licenses). The proposed changes revise the Technical Specifications (TS) (Appendix A of the Licenses) 6.9.1.6 and add a List of Effective TS Pages.

Information on the proposed changes is provided in Attachments A and B.


These changes have been reviewed and are considered not to involve a significant hazards consideration as defined in 10 CFR 50.92 or an unreviewed environmental question. Further, there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of December 1992.


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Attachment A

REVISION OF TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION 6.9.1.6 - CHANGE SEMIANNUAL RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENT RELEASE REPORT TO ANNUAL RADIOACTIVE EFFLUENT RELEASE REPORT AND ADDITION OF A LIST OF EFFECTIVE TS PAGES

A. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT REQUEST

This license amendment request (LAR) proposes to revise Technical Specifications (TS) as follows:

1. Section 6.0 regarding the semiannual radioactive effluent release report would be changed. TS 6.9.1.6 is proposed to be changed to revise the reporting period from semiannual to annual, and the report submission date would be revised from 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year to before May 1 of each year.
2. A List of Effective TS Pages would be added as a preface.

Changes to the TS are noted in the marked-up copy of the applicable TS (Attachment B).

B. JUSTIFICATION

Changing the reporting period from semiannual to annual is consistent with the final rule published at Federal Register, page 39358, Vol. 57, No. 169 amending 10 CFR 50.36a. The amendment to 10 CFR 50.36a "reduces the requirements for the submission of reports concerning the quantity of principal nuclides released to unrestricted areas in liquid and gaseous effluents from semiannually to annually."

In addition, changing the report submission date from 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year to before May 1 of each year is requested since the report period would be 12 months, rather than 6 months and will result in a more lengthy report. This submittal date is consistent with the submittal date for a related report, "Annual Radiological Environmental Operating Report" (TS 6.9.1.5).

The addition of a List of Effective TS Pages provides additional assurance that the TS pages are current.

C. SAFETY EVALUATION

The proposed changes to TS 6.9.1.6 do not alter any administrative controls over radioactive effluent, nor do the proposed changes involve any physical alterations to the plant with respect to radioactive effluent.

The proposed changes to the radiological effluent release report, extending the frequency to annually and report submission date to before May 1 of each year are administrative in nature and will not affect the safe operation of DCP. The changes proposed are consistent with the recent amendment to 10 CFR 50.36a requirements.



The proposed addition of the List of Effective TS Pages is administrative in nature and will not affect the safe operation of DCP.

In conclusion, PG&E believes there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be adversely affected by the proposed TS changes.

D. NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS EVALUATION

PG&E has evaluated the no significant hazard considerations involved with the proposed amendment, focusing on the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c) as quoted below:

The Commission may make final determination, pursuant to the procedures in §50.91, that a proposed amendment to an operating license for a facility licensed under §50.21(b) or §50.22 or for a testing facility involves no significant hazards consideration, 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 accident previously evaluated; or
- (3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The following evaluation is provided for the three categories of the significant hazards consideration standards.

1. Do the changes involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

The proposed TS changes are administrative in nature. The proposed changes to TS 6.9.1.6 are consistent with 10 CFR 50.36a report requirements. The proposed changes do not affect accident evaluations. The proposed changes are administrative in nature, should result in improved administrative practices, and do not affect plant operations.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Do the changes create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

The proposed changes are administrative in nature, do not result in physical alterations or changes to the operation of the plant, and cause no change in the method by which any safety-related system performs its function.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.



3. Do the changes involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

These administrative changes do not alter the basic regulatory requirements and do not affect any safety analyses.

The proposed change to TS 6.9.1.6 does not alter any administrative controls over radioactive effluent, nor does the proposed change involve any physical alterations to the plant with respect to radioactive effluents. Therefore, the proposed change would not affect the meaning, application, and function of the TS requirements.

Therefore, the proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

E. NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION DETERMINATION

In conclusion, based on the above evaluation, PG&E concludes that the activities associated with this proposed LAR satisfy the no significant hazards consideration standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) and, accordingly, a no significant hazards consideration finding is justified.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

PG&E has evaluated the proposed changes and determined that the changes relate to reporting requirements. Accordingly, the proposed changes meet the eligibility criterion for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), an environmental assessment of the proposed changes is not required.

