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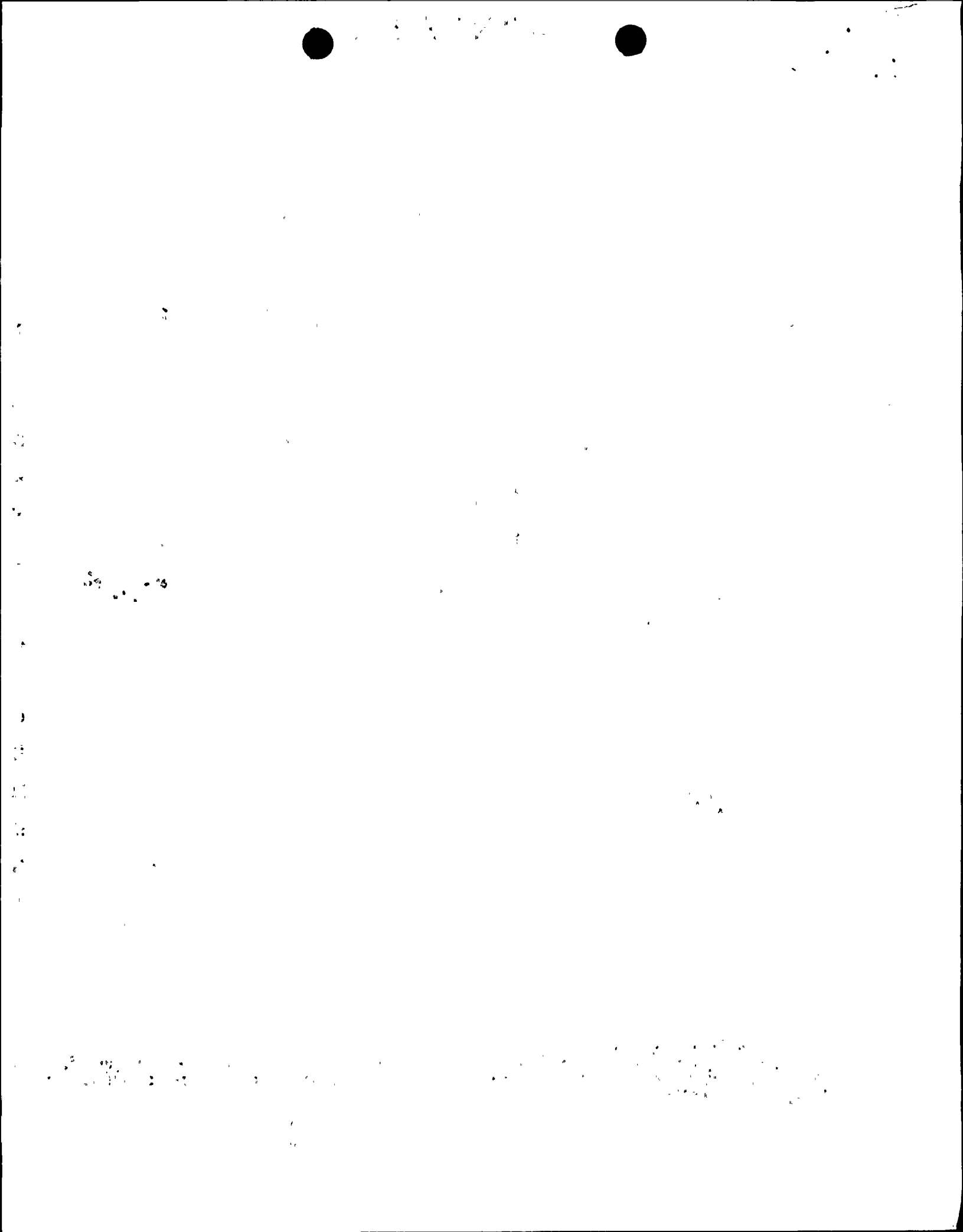
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**SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
REVISION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 203
TO LICENSE NPF-14 AND NO. 161 TO LICENSE NPF-22:
CONVERSION OF THE SSES TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
TO THE IMPROVED STANDARD TECHNICAL
SPECIFICATIONS, NUREG 1433
PLA-4887**

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- References:*
- 1) PLA-4488, "Proposed Amendment No. 203 to License NPF-14 and No. 161 to License NPF-22 : Conversion of the SSES Technical Specifications to the ISTS NUREG 1433," dated August 1, 1996.
 - 2) PLA-4789, "Revision to Proposed Amendment No. 203 to License NPF-14: Final Response To GL 94-02: Long Term Stability Solution," dated January 6, 1998.
 - 3) PLA-4856, "Revision to Proposed Amendment No. 203 to License NPF-14 and No. 161 to License NPF-22: Conversion of the SSES Technical Specifications to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications, NUREG 1433," dated March 2, 1998.

The purpose of this letter is to provide a revision to the proposed Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) Unit 1 and Unit 2 Improved Technical Specifications (ITS). The proposed amendment revises the SSES Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications to be consistent with NUREG-1433, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications for General Electric Plants, BWR 4." The proposed amendment also extends the required frequency of selected Surveillance Requirements (SR) to 24 months to support the adoption of a 24 month fuel cycle.

The detailed description and justification for the proposed Technical Specification Amendment was provided in Reference 1. Reference 2 provided a revision to the Reference 1 submittal which incorporates the SSES Final Response to GL 94-02: Long Term Stability Solution. The changes proposed therein are not included in this ITS revision since implementation of those changes is expected after ITS implementation.

This revision includes changes resulting from the resolution of the NRC comments received since issuance of Reference 3.

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The submittal contains in the Enclosure:

- ◆ Summary Tables of Changes - These identify all the revisions made to each section since issuance of Reference 3.
- ◆ Typed version of the specifications and bases reflecting the changes.
- ◆ Markups of all the STS, CTS, DOC's and NSHC's that have been affected by the revisions. Note that only the affected pages are included.

The above items are grouped together for each section of the ITS.

The implementation of the SSES ITS will require the performance of a number of new Surveillance Requirements. PPL intends to treat these new requirements as being "met" at the time of implementations of the ITS, with the first performance scheduled to be completed within the required Frequency from the implementation date. Several other Surveillance Requirement Frequencies are extended from 18 to 24 months. Upon implementation of the ITS, the due date will be changed to reflect the new required Frequency based on the last performance date. Revisions to the FSAR necessitated by the conversion to the ITS will be submitted in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e).

Implementation of the proposed amendment is tentatively scheduled for June 28, 1998. This date is based on the training schedules for both licensed and non-licensed personnel, the timing of the implementation with respect to the refueling outage and the time required for procedure revisions, including the development of the new programs. The tentative implementation date is also predicated on NRC issuance of the amendments by June 1998. The implementation date will be finalized upon review of the draft NRC ITS SER.

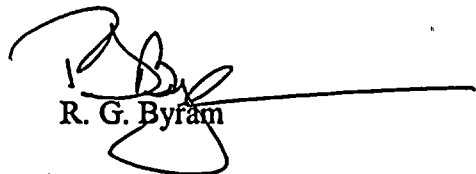
The evaluations of this proposed amendment conclude that the proposed changes to the SSES Unit 1 and Unit 2 Technical Specifications do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The proposed changes do not create a potential for a significant change in the types or a significant increase in the amount of any effluent that may be released off-site, nor do the changes involve a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the changes meet the eligibility criteria for a categorical exclusion as set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22 (b), an environmental assessment of the changes is not required.

This Technical Specification amendment revision has been approved by the SSES Plant Operations Review Committee and reviewed by the Susquehanna Review Committee. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.91, the State of Pennsylvania has been provided a copy of this letter.

PPL is available as needed to assist with your understanding and review of this request. Any questions regarding this proposed amendment should be directed to Mr. Michael H. Crowthers at (610) 774-7766.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Volume 1 of the Revised SSES Unit 1 and Unit 2 Improved Technical Specification (ITS)

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