



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 17 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-18

ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION

R. E. GINNA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-244

INTRODUCTION

By letter dated January 22, 1986, the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E or the licensee) submitted a proposed license amendment for Facility Operating License No. DPR-18 for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant (the facility). The amendment will clarify the surveillance requirement for an outside fire hydrant in the Technical Specifications (TS).

EVALUATION

The licensee submitted this TS change request in order to make clear that an outside fire hydrant, part of the Ginna Fire Suppression System, is inspected during specific three month periods before and after the winter season. The purpose of the inspection, as stated in the TS, is to verify that the hydrant barrel is dry; therefore, precluding any damage due to freezing and that the hydrant is operable. The previous TS could have been incorrectly interpreted as requiring only one inspection in the six month period of interest. The new TS clearly calls for at least one inspection during March, April, or May and at least once during September, October, or November. We conclude, based on the above, that the change will clarify the TS and is, therefore, acceptable.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves a change to a surveillance requirement with respect to the use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that this amendment involves no significant hazards consideration and there has been no public comment on such finding. Accordingly, this amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22 (b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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CONCLUSION

The staff has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner; and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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