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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 22 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-21

WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 50-397

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated April 25, 1985, the Washington Public Power Supply System proposed certain changes to the Surveillance Requirements of Section 4.6.1.1 of the Technical Specification for WNP-2.

2.0 EVALUATION

Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.1.b states, in part, that all containment penetrations that are required to be closed during accident conditions and are not capable of being closed by automatic isolation valves shall be demonstrated closed once every 31 days. Excluded from the 31 day routine surveillance requirement are the containment penetrations that are located inside the inerted containment which are equipped with blind flanges, deactivated automatic valves or closed valves. For these penetrations, the provisions of Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.1.b states that the surveillance be performed during the Cold Shutdown Condition.

In its April 25, 1985, letter, the licensee requested to extend the exclusion from the 31-day surveillance requirement to closed valves, blind flanges, and deactivated automatic valves located in areas that are administratively controlled. This request was made to avoid unnecessary personnel hazards from high radiation levels and/or very high temperatures.

Based on our review of the licensee submittal, we find that the proposed change would not create an increased possibility of violating primary containment integrity and is therefore acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves a change in the installation and use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and changes in surveillance requirements. The staff has determined that this 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.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (50 FR 29021) on July 17, 1985, and consulted with the state of Washington. No public comments were received, and the state of Washington did not have any comments.

We have 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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