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SUBJECT: Withdraws 861118 & 890615 applications for amend to License NPF-21, changing TS Tables 3.3.7.5-1 re accident monitoring instrumentation & 4.3.7.5-1 re SRs. Existing neutron flux instrumentation adequately addresses listing in TS.

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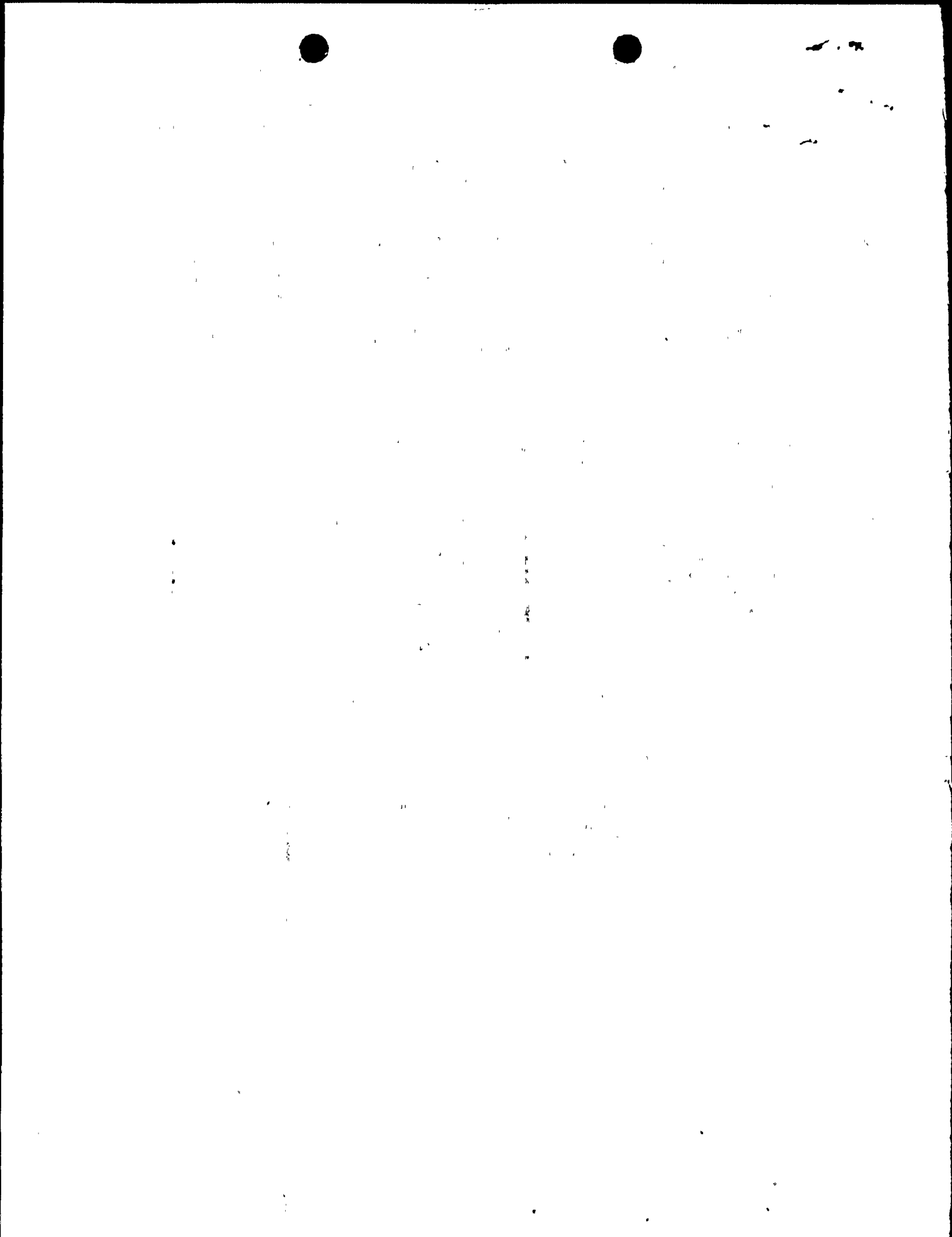
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Gentlemen:

Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION TABLES 3.3.7.5-1
ACCIDENT MONITORING INSTRUMENTATION AND TABLE 4.3.7.5-1 SURVEILLANCE
REQUIREMENTS, WITHDRAWAL OF (TAC 93415)

- References: 1) Letter, G02-86-1027, dated November 18, 1986, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC, same subject
- 2) Letter, G02-89-109, dated June 15, 1989, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC, same subject

Reference 1 proposed replacing instrument number 14 (Neutron Flux: APRM, IRM and SRM) of the subject tables with a Wide Range Neutron Monitor (WRNM). This request was administratively denied in 1989, because of delays in obtaining environmental and seismic qualification. Reference 2 advised the Staff that these qualifications had been achieved and requested that the proposed change be reinstated. As a result Reference 1 is currently an active request for an amendment to the WNP-2 Operating License.

Over the intervening period it has been recognized that the existing neutron flux instrumentation (APRM, IRM and SRM) combined with other BWR instrumentation and post accident actions, adequately address the need for an instrument to be listed in the Technical Specifications as an "Accident Monitoring Instrument". Hence there is no need to replace these instruments in the tables with the WRNM instrumentation.

Accordingly, the Technical Specification change requested in Reference 1, and reinstated as requested by Reference 2, is hereby withdrawn.

As addition of the WRNM is a License Condition for WNP-2, it will continue to be maintained in the plant design. However, upon final resolution of this issue between the NRC and Boiling Water Reactor Owners Group the Supply System may request NRC approval for removal of the WRNM from the plant.

Sincerely,

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