



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 58 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-41
AMENDMENT NO. 45 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-51
AND AMENDMENT NO. 31 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-74
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, ET AL.
PALO VERDE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1, 2, AND 3
DOCKET NOS. STN 50-528, STN 50-529, AND STN 50-530

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 28, 1991, and modified by letter dated December 30, 1991, the Arizona Public Service Company (APS) on behalf of itself, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Southern California Edison Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Southern California Public Power Authority (licensees), submitted a request for change to the Technical Specifications (TS) for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (Appendix A to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, respectively). The proposed changes would revise Section 6, "Administrative Controls," of the Technical Specifications to define the lines of functional responsibility more clearly, and better describe technical and review activities.

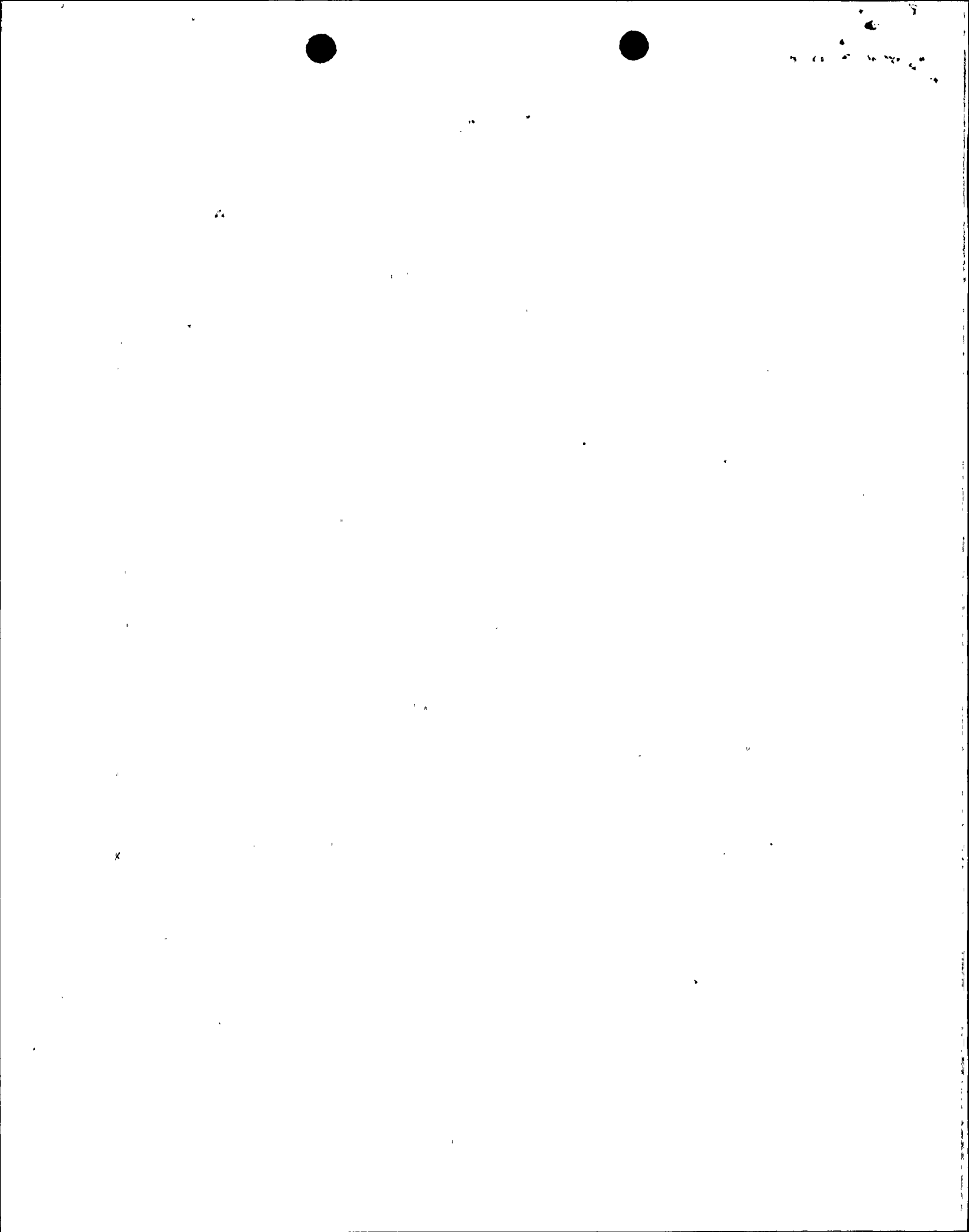
2.0 EVALUATION

The proposed changes to the technical specifications reflect many organizational and administrative modifications. Most of these changes revise titles, positions descriptions, and responsibilities, and include the following:

The position of Assistant Vice President Nuclear Production has been deleted and the duties and responsibilities have been reassigned to various individuals at the senior manager level.

The position of Plant Director has been deleted and most of the duties and responsibilities have been transferred to the Vice President, Nuclear Production.

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The title of Director, Standards and Technical Support has been changed to Director, Technical Support, and assignment of Standards development has been assigned to a senior manager for the associated functional group.

The title of Director, Site Services has been changed to Director, PVNGS Services.

Three titles have been created: General Manager, Site Radiation Protection; General Manager, Site Chemistry; and General Manager, Training.

The position of Vice President, Nuclear Safety and Licensing has been created.

The position of Director, Nuclear Safety and Licensing has been changed. There is now a Deputy Director, Nuclear Safety and a Director, Nuclear Licensing and Compliance.

The General Manager, Training reports to the Vice President, nuclear Production, and is responsible for the training organization rather than the Director, Site Services.

The licensee also proposed a change to their Nuclear Safety Group which provides independent reviews and audits of designated activities. This group has been replaced by the newly formed Offsite Safety Review Committee and is responsible the independent reviews and for evaluating and making recommendations for safe plant operations.

This amendment also proposed TS changes to allow two Shift Technical Advisors (STA) on site per shift during modes 1, 2, 3, or 4, rather than one STA per unit per shift during modes 1, 2, 3, or 4 as currently required by TS Table 6.2-1. However, by letter dated December 30, 1991, APS withdrew this proposed TS change.

Finally, the licensee proposed a change to the description of their training program to reflect changes in 10 CFR 55. Appendix A to 10 CFR 55 has been incorporated into the subpart. The reference to Appendix A has been deleted from the training program description.

These proposed changes to the TS describe modifications to titles, positions, plant operating responsibilities, reporting chains, and functions and responsibilities of management positions. This submittal also reflects changes to the licensee's committee for safety reviews and self assessment, and to the description of their training program. The staff has reviewed these proposed changes in accordance with the guidance, acceptance criteria, and review procedures provided in Standard Review Plan Chapter 13, Conduct of Operations. Specifically, chapters 13.1.2-13.1.3 (Operating Organization),

13.2 (Training), 13.4 (Operational Review) were used to review the licensee's submittal. The staff concludes that these changes are consistent with NRC guidance and regulations and are, therefore, acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Arizona State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sholly Coordinator

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE - NOTICE
OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE
(TAC NOS. M81834, M81835, AND M81836)

Arizona Public Service Company, et al., Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN 50-529,
and STN 50-530, Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3,
Maricopa County, Arizona

Date of application for amendment: August 28, 1991 and December 30, 1991

Brief description of amendment: These amendments revise Section 6,
"Administrative Controls," of the Technical Specifications to define the
lines of functional responsibility more clearly, and better describe
technical and review activities.

Date of issuance: March 4, 1992

Effective date: March 4, 1992

Amendment No.: 58, 45 and 31

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74: The amendment
revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in FEDERAL REGISTER: October 30, 1991 (56 FR 55942)

The December 30, 1991, letter withdrew a portion of the original amendment
request, but did not change the proposed no significant hazards
consideration finding of the initial notice.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a
Safety Evaluation dated March 4, 1992.

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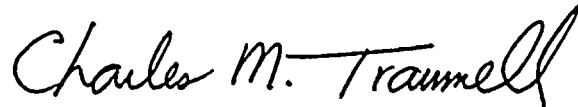
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