



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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June 20, 2018

Mr. Dean Curtland  
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**SUBJECT: DUANE ARNOLD ENERGY CENTER - WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENT  
REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF 10 CFR 50.69, "RISK-INFORMED  
CATEGORIZATION AND TREATMENT OF STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS,  
AND COMPONENTS (SSCS) FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS"  
(EPID L-2017-LLA-0283)**

Dear Mr. Curtland:

By letter dated August 31, 2017, you applied for an amendment to the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC), Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-49. The proposed amendment would modify the licensing basis by the addition of a license condition to allow for the implementation of the provisions of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.69, "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components (SSCs) for Nuclear Power Reactors."

The provisions of 10 CFR 50.69 allow adjustment of the scope of equipment subject to special treatment controls (e.g., quality assurance, testing, inspection, condition monitoring, assessment, and evaluation). For equipment determined to be of low safety significance, alternative treatment requirements can be implemented in accordance with this regulation. For equipment determined to be of high safety significance, requirements will not be changed or will be enhanced. This allows improved focus on equipment that has safety significance resulting in improved plant safety. Subsequently, by letter dated June 12, 2018, you withdrew the amendment request.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has filed the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License with the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

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If you have any questions, please contact me on 301-415-8371 or via e-mail at [Mahesh.chawla@nrc.gov](mailto:Mahesh.chawla@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chawla", written in a cursive style.

Mahesh L. Chawla, Project Manager  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket No. 50-331

Enclosure:  
Notice of Withdrawal

cc: Listserv

**ENCLOSURE**

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 50-331; NRC-2018-0123]**

**Duane Arnold Energy Center**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; withdrawal by applicant.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has granted the request of NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (NextEra) to withdraw its application dated August 31, 2017, for a proposed amendment to Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC), Facility Operating License No. DPR-49. The proposed amendment would have modified the licensing basis by the addition of a license condition to allow for the implementation of the NRC's regulations on "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components (SSCs) for Nuclear Power Reactors."

**DATES:** [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2018-0123** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web Site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2018-0123**. Address questions about NRC dockets to

Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; e-mail: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mahesh Chawla, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-8371, e-mail: [Mahesh.Chawla@nrc.gov](mailto:Mahesh.Chawla@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC has granted the request of NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, LLC (NextEra) to withdraw its August 31, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17243A469), application for proposed amendment to Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC), Facility Operating License No. DPR-49, located in Linn County, Iowa.

The proposed amendment would have modified the licensing basis by the addition of a license condition to allow for the implementation of the provisions of section 50.69 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components (SSCs) for Nuclear Power Reactors.”

The Commission had previously issued a notice of consideration of issuance of amendment published in the *Federal Register* on November 21, 2017 (82 FR 55407). However, by letter dated June 12, 2018, the licensee withdrew the proposed change (ADAMS Accession No. ML18166A172).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 31, 2017, and the licensee’s letter dated June 12, 2018, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**ADAMS Accession Nos.:** LTR: ML18165A260

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