

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-298NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICTNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 61 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, issued to Nebraska Public Power District, which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station, located in Nemaha County, Nebraska. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

The amendment changes the Technical Specifications to allow the count rate in the Source Range Monitor channels to drop below 3 counts per second when the entire reactor core is being removed or replaced.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment was not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

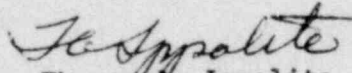
For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated January 14, 1980, (2) Amendment No. 61 to License

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No. DPR-46, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Auburn Public Library, 118 - 15th Street, Auburn, Nebraska 68305. A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 29th day of February 1980.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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