

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(Project No. H-4)

Notice of Finality of Commission Action With Regard to Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Handling and Storage of Spent Light Water Power Reactor Fuel (NUREG-0575).

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that the issuance of the Final Generic Environmental Statement on Handling and Storage of Spent Light Water Power Reactor Fuel (NUREG-0575), prepared by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, represents final Commission action with respect to that document.

A notice of the availability of NUREG-0575 was published in the Federal Register on August 22, 1979. 44 FR 49317.

The Commission published notice of its intent to prepare the Generic Environmental Statement of September 16, 1975. 44 FR 42801. In that notice, the Commission stated that it had "also given careful consideration to the question whether licensing actions intended to ameliorate a possible shortage of spent fuel storage capacity ... should be deferred pending completion of the generic environmental impact statement." The Commission stated that it had "concluded that there should be no such general deferral, and that those related licensing actions may continue during the period required for preparation of the generic statement, subject to certain conditions." The Commission's notice went on to set forth a five-factor test against which proposed interim actions were to be evaluated.

Relying in part on the GEIS, the Commission finds that providing greater capacity for spent fuel storage is in the public interest. The safety of individual proposals must, of course, be determined case by case.

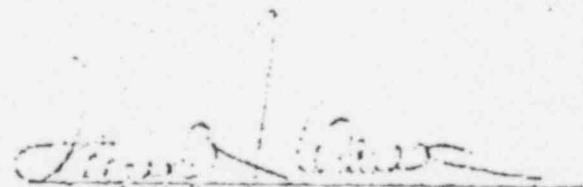
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The completion and publication of the Final Generic Environmental Statement means that the five-factor test set out in the 1975 Federal Register notice is no longer applicable to proposed licensing actions relating to spent fuel handling and storage. This action does not affect any other requirements which may exist to address specific environmental and safety issues for individual licensing action.

Copies of the Final Statement may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161, as follows:  
Volume 1 -- \$7.25 -- Executive Summary and Text; Volume 2 -- \$11.75 -- Appendices; Volume 3 -- \$12.00 -- Comments on the Draft Statement and Staff Responses; microfiche -- \$3.00 per volume.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 22 day of February, 1981.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

  
SAMUEL J. CHILK  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING APPEAL BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY	)	Docket No. 50-272
	)	Proposed Issuance of Amendment
(Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1)	)	to Facility Operating License No. DPR-70

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of NRC STAFF BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO EXCEPTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND OF ALFRED C. AND ELEANOR G. COLEMAN in the above-captioned proceeding have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class or, as indicated by an asterisk, through deposit in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's internal mail system, this 27th day of February, 1981.

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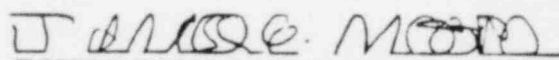
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