

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-298

NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 70 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-46, issued to Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee), 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 modifies the Technical Specifications to: (1) permit operation of the facility during Cycle 7 with 112 new P8x8R fuel assemblies designed and fabricated by General Electric Company (GE) replacing an equivalent number of 7x7 and 8x8 irradiated fuel assemblies and (2) revise limits based on transient and accident analysis for Cycle 7 core loading which included use of the OLYN code for the analyses of overpressurization transients.

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.

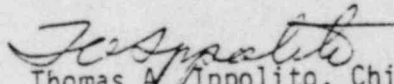
The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR Section 51.5(d)(4), an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with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

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For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated March 5, 1981, (2) Amendment No. 70 to License 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, NW., 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 Licensing.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland this 22nd day of May 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


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