

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKET NO. 50-309MAINE YANKEE ATOMIC POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITYOPERATING LICENSE

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amedment No. 57 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-36, issued to Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (the facility) located in Lincoln County, Maine. The amendment was effective on May 22, 1981.

The amendment modifies Technical Specification 3.17.B.7.b to allow operation of the reactor building purge system to by-pass the charcoal absorbers during the cycle 6 refueling operation only under the following conditions: (1) during the time the Low Pressure Safety Injection (LPSI) System check valves are being installed or completion of refueling operations, whichever is earlier; and (2) during the charcoal absorber by-pass mode the containment purge valves will be trippable manually and automatically.

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 finding 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.

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The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR §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 May 22, 1981, (2) Amendment No. 57 to License No. DPR-36, 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 Wiscasset Public Library Association, High Street, Wiscasset, Maine. 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 12th day of June, 1981.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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