



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO.102 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-2
AND AMENDMENT NO. 95 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-8
SOUTHERN NUCLEAR OPERATING COMPANY, INC.
JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-348 AND 50-364

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated May 10, 1993, the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (the licensee), submitted a request for changes to the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Farley), Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise the Technical Specifications to change the frequency of reporting of radioactive effluents from a semiannual basis to an annual basis pursuant to 10 CFR 50.36a.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee proposed changes to TS 1.17, 6.9.1.8, 6.9.1.9, and 6.14.2 to change the frequency of submitting the Semiannual Effluent Release Report to an annual basis. In addition, the licensee proposed to change the submittal date from within 60 days after January 1 and July 1 of each year to, prior to May 1 of each year.

Title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, Section 50.36a, Technical Specifications on effluents from nuclear power reactors, was revised effective October 1, 1992, to require that a report to the Commission specifying the quantity of each of the principal radionuclides released to unrestricted areas during the previous twelve months should be prepared and submitted. The new regulation also requires that the time interval between submissions of the reports must be no longer than twelve months. Previously, 10 CFR 50.36a required these reports to be submitted semiannually and within sixty days after January 1 and July 1 of each year. This revision was part of a larger effort to reduce unnecessary burden due to government regulation.

The licensee's proposed changes revise the TS to enable the reporting of effluents on an annual basis. As such, these changes are administrative in nature and will not affect the level of radiological control at Farley. Therefore, the staff finds the proposed changes to be acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the State of Alabama official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.2(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b) no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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