



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 77 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35  
AND AMENDMENT NO. 71 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52  
DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.  
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2  
DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated November 28, 1988, as revised February 15, 1990, Duke Power Company, et al. (the licensee), proposed amendments to change Technical Specification (TS) 6.2.3, "Catawba Safety Review Group," (CSRG) for Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2.

The changes would clarify and supplement the specified function, composition, responsibilities, reporting, and records requirements for the CSRG consistent with Item 1.B.1.2 of NUREG-0737. Specifically:

- o The function of the CSRG in TS 6.2.3.1 would be revised to specifically define the function of the group.
- o The composition of the CSRG in TS 6.2.3.2 would be revised to add the qualification requirements for members of the group.
- o The responsibilities requirement of TS 6.2.3.3 would be revised to replace a general statement with an itemized list of specific responsibilities.
- o The reporting of the CSRG, specified by TS 6.2.3.4, would be revised to reflect that they report to the Manager of Nuclear Safety Assurance, rather than to the Director, Nuclear Safety Review Board.
- o The recordkeeping and distribution requirements of TS 6.2.3.5 would be revised to require that records of CSRG activities be maintained for the life of the station, and that reports of CSRG activities be forwarded to the Manager of Nuclear Safety Assurance.

2.0 EVALUATION

In late 1988, Duke Power Company made several changes in the organization of its Nuclear Production Department. Under this reorganization, the CSRG reports to the Manager of Nuclear Safety Assurance instead of to the Director of the Nuclear Safety Review Board. The proposed changes to the TSs would

reflect this organizational change. The change in reporting requirements for the CSRG is purely an administrative change in that the Manager of Nuclear Safety Assurance also serves as the Director of the Nuclear Safety Review Board.

The NRC staff has reviewed the proposed changes. We find the proposed TSs to be consistent with the licensee's most recent organizational changes. We also find that the revised TSs will provide the necessary level of specificity to ensure effective control regarding the function, composition, responsibilities, reporting and records requirements for the CSRG. The proposed changes continue to provide assurance of compliance with NUREG-0737, Item I.B.1.2, and are, therefore, acceptable.

### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

These amendments relate to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(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 these amendments.

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (54 FR 6192) on February 8, 1989. The licensee's subsequent letter of February 15, 1990, revised the initial application regarding composition to provide increased specificity with respect to the qualifications of the CSRG. It did not alter the Commission's initial determination of no significant hazards consideration. The Commission consulted with the State of South Carolina. No public comments were received, and the State of South Carolina did not have any comments.

We have 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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