

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONDOCKETS NOS. 50-269, 50-270 AND 50-287DUKE POWER COMPANYNOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSES AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendments Nos. 65, 65 and 62 to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55, respectively, issued to Duke Power Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units Nos. 1, 2 and 3 located in Oconee County, South Carolina. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments (1) revise the Station's common Technical Specifications to support the operation of Oconee Unit No. 1 at full rated power during Cycle 5 after core reload, to add High Pressure Injection pump operability requirements, to add procedures for remote operation of the High Pressure Injection System, and to remove the orifice rod assemblies from the core; and (2) permit the use of five previously burned fuel assemblies which will be irradiated for a fourth cycle as part of a fuel demonstration program.

The applications for the amendments 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 amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments was not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

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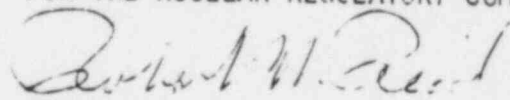
The Commission has prepared an environmental impact appraisal for the fuel demonstration program (Item 2, above) and has concluded that an environmental impact statement for this particular action is not warranted because there will be no appreciable environmental impact attributable to this action.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of Item 1, above, 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 this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the applications for amendment dated April 20 and June 26, 1978, as supplemented April 27, August 21, 28, September 6, 22 and 26, 1978, (2) Amendments Nos. 65, 65 and 62, to Licenses Nos. DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55, respectively, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and Environmental Impact Appraisal. 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 Oconee County Library, 201 South Spring Street, Walhalla, South Carolina. 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 Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 23rd day of October 1978.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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