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Docket No. 50-312

Mr. J. J. Mattimoe
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Dear Mr. Mattimoe:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 45 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-54 for the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application dated February 17, 1983, and subsequent discussions between the NRC staff and your staff. These changes have been discussed with and agreed to by members of your staff.

This amendment deletes the Appendix B Environmental Technical Specifications (ETS) which pertain to nonradiological water quality-related requirements, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

Your basis for the requested deletion of water quality limits and monitoring programs is that these aquatic requirements are under the jurisdiction of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Water quality conditions in existing reactor operating licenses should be removed as a matter of law where the licensee holds, as you do, an effective National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

We concur in the deletion of the aquatic requirements and will rely on the NPDES permit, governed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, for regulation and protection of the aquatic environment. However, the NRC staff still wishes to remain informed about any changes in your NPDES permit and any violations of this permit. Accordingly, as discussed with your staff, you have agreed to provide NRC with a copy of any changes to the NPDES discharge permit and any permit violations requiring notification to the permitting agency at the time this information is reported to or received from the permitting agency. This information is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Administrator with a copy to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Please confirm this commitment in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

We have determined that the deletion of these water quality requirements is a ministerial action required as a matter of law and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have

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further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement or negative declaration and environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

Since the amendment applies only to deletion of water quality requirements, we have concluded that: (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated, does not create the possibility of an accident of a type different from any evaluated previously, and does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JOHN F. STOLZ

John F. Stolz, Chief
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Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 45 to DPR-54
- 2. Notice of Issuance

cc w/enclosures:

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- Notice of Receipt of Application for Construction Permit(s) and Operating License(s).
- Notice of Receipt of Partial Application for Construction Permit(s) and Facility License(s); Time for Submission of Views on Antitrust Matters.
- Notice of Availability of Applicant's Environmental Report.
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- Other: Amendment No. 45.

Referenced documents have been provided PDR.

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