



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 78 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-11 AND
AMENDMENT NO. 62 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-18

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY
LASALLE COUNTY STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-373 AND 50-374

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated January 18, 1991 and supplemented February 4, 1991, Commonwealth Edison Company (CECo or the licensee) proposed two Technical Specification (TS) changes to the Administrative Controls section. The first proposed item would change the title of the Assistant Vice President Quality Programs and Assessment to the General Manager Quality Programs and Assessment. The second proposed change would revise the description of the Station Control Room Engineer (SCRE) and the SCRE's functions as the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) and provide more information on the STA staffing options and the actions performed to assure proper STA availability.

2.0 EVALUATION

The first proposed change reflects a change in staffing at the corporate level for CECo. The licensee has proposed to change the title of Assistant Vice President Quality Programs and Assessment to the General Manager Quality Programs and Assessment. The change in title is requested to reflect a reassignment of staff but the scope and responsibility of the position remain unchanged. Since there is no change in the corporate support that is committed to the LaSalle station, the staff finds this proposed change to be acceptable.

The second proposed change would revise section 6.1.C.6, which describes the Station Control Room Engineer (SCRE) role and the transition of the SCRE to the Shift Technical Advisor (STA) position. The licensee proposes to delete a statement that the SCRE "...serves as the lead control room SRO during normal operations..." Although the SCRE does fulfill this role normally, it is not described elsewhere in the Technical Specifications. In fact Figure 6.1-3, MINIMUM SHIFT CREW COMPOSITION, allows that minimum shift staffing may be accomplished with an STA on duty rather than an SCRE. Therefore, the staff considers the deletion to be acceptable. The licensee also proposes to revise the portion of the specification that describes the transition from SCRE to STA. The revised text would allow any on duty STA, instead of just the SCRE, to perform the STA function. This change would improve the ability of the licensee to staff the STA position with a qualified individual in an

emergency and is, therefore, acceptable to the staff. Finally, the licensee proposes to add statements which describe actions to be taken by the shift foreman, SCRE, and shift engineer to assure that all on shift SROs are cognizant of plant status and capable of supporting the shift of SCRE to STA. The proposed changes should improve the licensee's ability to staff the STA position and partially address possible disadvantages of the SCRE/STA position as described in the LaSalle Safety Evaluation Report dated March 1981 and are, therefore, acceptable to the staff.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The 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 the amendments.

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 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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