UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 91 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-68

AND AMENDMENT NO. 69 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-81

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

SCOTOLO TOWER COMPANY, ET AL.

VOGTLE ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-424 AND 50-425

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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By letter dated May 12, 1995, as supplemented by letters dated July 6 and October 2, 1995, Georgia Power Company, et al. (GPC or the licensee) proposed license amendments to change the Technical Specifications (TS) for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP or Vogtle), Units 1 and 2. The proposed change would revise Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.2 of the TS to add the provision that 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, applies, except as modified by NRC-approved exemptions. The July 6 and October 2, 1995, letters provided clarifying information that did not change the scope of the May 12, 1995, application and initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

The proposed change is administrative. Surveillance Requirement 4.6.1.2 specifies the required frequency for performing the containment Integrated Leakage Rate Test (ILRT) and further states that the leak rate will be determined in conformance with the criteria specified in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J. The proposed change revises TS 4.6.1.2 to make it consistent with any exemptions that may be issued to 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J. The proposed change also includes a clarifying footnote that specifically addresses the rescheduling of the Unit 1 ILRT from the 1R6 refueling outage (scheduled for the spring of 1996) to the 1997 refueling outage to be consistent with a previously issued exemption. Since the change is administrative in nature, in that it references the controlling regulation and recognizes an approved exemption, the NRC staff finds the proposed change to be acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendments change surveillance requirements. The NRC staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no

offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (60 FR 35078 dated July 5, 1995). Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). 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 the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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