



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 144 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-40
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
FORT CALHOUN STATION, UNIT NO. 1
DOCKET NO. 50-285

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated March 5, 1992, as supplemented April 8, 1992, Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) submitted a request for changes to the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 (FCS) Technical Specifications (TS). The changes would incorporate the latest NRC-approved revisions to core reload topical reports and are administrative in nature. The supplemental submittal provided additional information, which is within the scope of the initial notice and did not affect the initial no significant hazards consideration determination.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee's proposed changes to the FCS TS are administrative. Incorporating the latest NRC-approved revisions, these changes to TS 5.9.5, "Core Operating Limits Report," update the analytical methods used to determine the core operating limits. The TS listing of NRC-approved analytical methods assures that core operating limits for future reloads will meet safety analysis limits and NRC requirements and will allow operation to be maintained without cycle-specific TS parameters for each reload.

These changes are administrative in nature, and, therefore, the staff finds them acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes a requirement with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types,

of any effluents that may be released 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 amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (57 FR 9450). Accordingly, the amendment meets 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 amendment.

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 amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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