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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sholly Coordinator

FROM: Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION IN BIWEEKLY FR NOTICE - NOTICE OF
CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY LICENSE
AND PROPOSED NO SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS CONSIDERATION
DETERMINATION, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING
(TAC NO. M94211)

Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC), Docket No. 50-146, Saxton
Nuclear Experimental Facility (SNEF), Bedford County, Pennsylvania

Date of amendment request: November 21, 1995.

Description of amendment request: The proposed amendment would change the license and technical specifications to add GPU Nuclear Corporation (GPUN) as a licensee for the SNEF along with SNEC and would transfer from SNEC to GPUN all management-related responsibilities for the SNEF. Responsibility for safely maintaining the containment vessel and performing characterization activities would change from SNEC to GPUN. Technical specification organizational positions would be changed from SNEC titles to GPUN titles. GPUN would take responsibility from SNEC for administration of all SNEF functions, for radiation safety activities, and for providing on-site management and continuing oversight of production activities. The appointment of members to the Saxton Radiation Safety Committee and the reporting of the Committee would change from the SNEC President to the GPUN Vice President of the Nuclear Services Division. The GPUN President would have the authority to request audits and would receive audit reports

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instead of the SNEC President. Procedure control methodology and the administrative procedure for procedures would be changed from SNEC procedures to GPUN procedures. The responsibility for records retention and reporting would change from SNEC to GPUN. The organization chart for the facility would be changed to reflect the addition of GPUN as a licensee.

Basis for Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination: As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

The proposed changes do not involve a significant hazards considerations because the changes would not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Because the proposed changes are administrative in nature they would have no effect on the likelihood or impact on the potential accidents of fire, flood or radiological hazard.

2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously analyzed.

Because the proposed changes are administrative in nature they would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Because the proposed changes are administrative in nature they would not involve any reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the analysis of the licensee and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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