



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 96 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-35
AND AMENDMENT NO. 90 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-52
DUKE POWER COMPANY, ET AL.
CATAWBA NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-413 AND 50-414

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 18, 1991, as supplemented February 17, 1992, the Duke Power Company (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the Administrative Controls section of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would reflect a reorganization of the Duke Power Company (DPC) and changes to the DPC Quality Assurance Report. The reorganization essentially decentralizes the corporate management of nuclear activities to each of DPC's three nuclear site facilities, including the Catawba site. Following is a brief description and the NRC staff's evaluation of the requested changes.

2.0 EVALUATION

2.1 Administrative Controls

- a. Section 6.1.2 - Responsibility - The title of Vice President, Nuclear has been replaced by the title Vice President, Catawba Nuclear Site, and the organizational unit Nuclear Production Department has been replaced by Catawba Nuclear Site.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and reassignment of responsibilities.

- b. Section 6.2.1 - Offsite and Onsite Organization - The Vice President, Catawba Nuclear Site now has responsibility for overall plant nuclear safety and the Senior Vice President, Nuclear Generation Department will have responsibility for overall nuclear safety. The designation "health physics" has been changed to "radiation protection" throughout Section 6 of the Technical Specifications.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and reassignment of responsibilities.

- c. Section 6.2.2 - Unit Staff - The designation "auxiliary operators" has been changed to "non-licensed operators", the designation of unit has been changed to station, and the titles of Superintendent of Operations and Operating Engineer have been changed to Operations Superintendent and Shift Operations Manager, respectively.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and the reassignment of responsibilities.

- d. Table 6.2.1 - Minimum Shift Crew Composition - The position of Shift Manager has been created that subsumes the function of the Shift Technical Advisor (STA). Therefore, in this section and throughout Section 6, the title of STA has been changed to Shift Manager.

We find these changes acceptable as the function of the STA has been retained in the position of Shift Manager.

- e. Section 6.2.3 - Catawba Safety Review Group - The acronym for the Catawba Nuclear Safety Group has been changed to SRG. In addition, the composition of the SRG has been revised to provide more flexibility of backgrounds of members while maintaining the minimum qualification requirements, and the title of Manager, Nuclear Safety Assurance has been changed to Manager of Safety Assurance.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and reassignment of responsibilities, and the changed qualification requirements meet the appropriate acceptance criteria of Section 13.4 of NUREG 0800, the Standard Review Plan.

- f. Section 6.4 - Training - The title Manager, Station Training Services has been replaced by the title Training Manager.

We find this change acceptable as it reflects the revised organization and the reassignment of responsibilities.

- g. Section 6.5.1 - Technical Review and Control Activities - The approval authority for proposed modifications to unit nuclear safety-related structures, systems, and components, and proposed tests or experiments which affect nuclear safety have been revised to conform to the revised organization. The titles Station Manager, Corporate System Health Physicist, and Vice President, Nuclear Production have been replaced to reflect the revised organization and the reassignment of responsibilities.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and the reassignment of responsibilities. The change in approval authority meets the appropriate acceptance criteria of Section 13.5.1 of NUREG 0800, the Standard Review Plan.

- h. Section 6.5.2 - Nuclear Safety Review Board (NSRB) - The titles Vice President, Nuclear Production, Nuclear Production Department, Quality Assurance Department, and Executive Vice President, Power Group have been replaced to reflect the revised organization. In Subsection 6.5.2.2 the qualification requirements for NSRB members has been revised to allow, in special cases, an individual with ten years experience in a specific technical area. In Subsection 6.5.2.9, Audits, the licensee has relocated the audit frequency from the audits required by this subsection. Audit frequency requirements are now addressed in the Duke Quality Assurance Topical and are performance based on the safety significance and extent of the activities except those for the Emergency and Security Plans as discussed below.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization and reassignment of responsibilities, the appropriate acceptance criteria of Section 13.4 of NUREG 0800, the Standard Review Plan, and the commitment to performance based audits in their revised Quality Assurance Topical Report, a document controlled in accordance with 50.54(a).

- i. Section 6.6 - Reportable Event Action - The review of reportable events has been revised to reflect the new titles in the revised organization.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization.

- j. Section 6.7 - Safety Limit Violation - The titles in this section have been revised to reflect the revised organization.

We find these changes acceptable as they reflect the revised organization.

- k. Section 6.8 - Procedures and Programs - The approval authority for procedures and temporary changes to procedures has been revised by deleting specific titles and specifying a predesignated level of management.

We find this change acceptable as it meets the appropriate acceptance criteria of Section 13.5.1 of NUREG 0800, the Standard Review Plan.

We find the above changes to the Administrative Controls Section of the Technical Specifications, as described in the DPC letter dated December 18, 1991, and as revised by letter dated February 17, 1992, acceptable.

2.2 Security and Emergency Plan

The requirements in TS 6.5.1.8 for review of the security program and implementing procedures and in TS 6.5.1.9 for review of the station emergency plan and implementing procedures are removed from the TS and are relocated to the respective security and emergency plans. Once they are included in the respective plans, further changes in these review requirements must be made in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(P) for the security plan and with 10 CFR 50.54(q) for the emergency plan. The NRC staff concludes that, in conjunction with this change to the plans, the extensive requirements for emergency planning in 10 CFR 50.47 and 50.54 and for security in 10 CFR 50.54 and 73.55 for drills, exercises, testing and the maintenance of the programs provides adequate assurance that the objective of the previous TS 6.5.1.8 and TS 6.5.1.9 for a periodic review of the programs and changes to the programs will be met. Therefore, this change is acceptable.

The requirements of TS 6.5.2.9.e and .f for an audit on a twelve month frequency by the corporate Nuclear Safety Review Board (NSRB) of the emergency and security plans and implementing procedures is modified by deleting the specification of the twelve month frequency. This results in no change in this regulatory requirement since the frequency of such independently conducted reviews is also specified in 10 CFR 50.54(t) for the emergency plan, in 10 CFR 50.54(b)(3) for the safeguards contingency plan and in 10 CFR 73.55(g)(4) for the security program. Therefore, this change is acceptable.

The requirements of TS 6.8.1.c and .d for procedures for security and emergency plan implementation are removed from the TS and are relocated to those plans. The requirement of TS 6.8.1.c for the security plan is in effect also contained in 10 CFR 50.54(P)(1) for the safeguards contingency plan, and in 10 CFR 73.55(b)(3) for the security plan. The requirement of TS 6.8.1.d for the emergency plan is in effect also contained in 10 CFR 50.47(b)(5) and in 10 CFR 50.54(q), Appendix E, parts IV.G and V for the emergency plan. This change is acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the South Carolina State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendments. 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 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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