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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 21

TO FACILITY LICENSE NO. R-95

DOCKET NO. 50-193

RHODE ISLAND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter of March 20, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated January 12, 1996, the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission (the licensee), requested a change to the "Administrative Controls" Technical Specifications to combine the Radiation Safety Committee and the Reactor Utilization Committee into one committee called the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Committee (NRSC). The change is to streamline the administrative structure of the organization into one committee while at the same time adding members and quorum requirements to the committee to allow for increased expertise from the user groups, reactor operations and the technical staff.

2.0 EVALUATION

The requirements associated with committee functions have all been maintained in the Technical Specifications. That is, there is no decrease in the requirements for the proposed NRSC. The organization structure is consistent with the recommendations of American National Standards Institute/American Nuclear Society Standard 15.1, "The Development of Technical Specifications for Research Reactors," and has been successfully used at other non-power reactor facilities. Therefore, this proposed change is acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, this amendment meets 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 this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The staff has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that (1) because the amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously evaluated, or create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, and does not involve a significant reduction in a margin

of safety, the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by the proposed changes, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public.

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