



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 178 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-59

POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-333

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated December 30, 1991, the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee) submitted a request for changes to the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, Technical Specifications (TS). The requested changes would revise Section 6.0, "Administrative Controls," to reflect a management reorganization designed to improve operations at the plant. The management reorganization includes position title changes, the creation of two new senior level management positions on the same level as Superintendent of Power, the reassignment of position responsibilities, and the proposed restructuring of the Plant Operating Review Committee (PORC or Committee).

2.0 EVALUATION

In an effort to improve operations at the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant, the Power Authority of the State of New York implemented an extensive site management reorganization. This management reorganization consists, in part, of several title changes. Specifically, the titles of the following management personnel would be changed from:

- Superintendent of Power to General Manager-Operations.
- Operations Superintendent to Operations Manager.
- Assistant Operations Superintendent to Assistant Operations Manager.
- Technical Services Superintendent to Technical Services Manager.
- Instrument and Controls Superintendent to Instrument and Controls Manager.
- Radiological and Environmental Services Superintendent to Radiological and Environmental Services Manager.
- Maintenance Superintendent to Maintenance Manager.
- Training Superintendent to Training Manager.
- Security and Safety Superintendent to Security and Safety Manager.

Furthermore, two new senior level management positions have been created. These positions are General Manager-Maintenance and General Manager-Support Services. These positions are peer positions to the General Manager-Operations, with all three General Managers reporting directly to the Resident Manager. The creation of the General Manager positions is designed to improve

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communication, responsiveness, and effectiveness of operations at the plant by creating specific functional lines of responsibility.

The licensee has revised TS Sections 6.1, 6.2.2.5, 6.2.2.6, 6.3.1, and 6.4 to reflect the stated revised management and title changes. The NRC staff finds these changes acceptable as they accurately reflect the revised organization.

The licensee has also proposed changes to the PORC composition listed in TS Section 6.5.1(A) which include both title and restructuring changes. The changes reflect the plant's management reorganization. As proposed, the General Manager-Operations, the General Manager-Support Services, and the General Manager-Maintenance would act as Vice-Chairmen/Members. The Site Engineering Manager, a new position, is also to be included as a PORC member. Specifically, the composition of the PORC would be:

Chairman:	Resident Manager
Vice-Chairman/Member	General Manager-Operations
Vice-Chairman/Member:	General Manager-Support Services
Vice-Chairman/Member:	General Manager-Maintenance
Member:	Operations Manager
Member:	Maintenance Manager
Member:	Technical Services Manager
Member:	Instrument and Controls Manager
Member:	Radiological and Environmental Services Manager
Member:	Site Engineering Manager
Member:	Reactor Analyst Supervisor

The changes to the composition of the PORC result in an increase in Committee membership from eight individuals to eleven individuals. Accordingly, the licensee has revised TS Section 6.5.1(D), "Quorum," to increase the quorum requirement for the PORC from five individuals to six individuals. Specifically TS 6.5.1(D) will be revised to read:

The quorum of the PORC shall consist of a Chairman or one of three Vice-Chairmen and five members including designated alternates. Vice-Chairmen may act as members when not acting as Chairman.

The NRC staff has reviewed the proposed changes to TS Sections 6.5.1(A) and 6.5.1(D). The NRC staff concludes that the level and quality of the PORC's review will not be adversely affected by the proposed changes. Furthermore, the NRC staff finds these changes acceptable as they meet the appropriate acceptance criteria of Section 13.4, "Operational Review," of NUREG-0800, the Standard Review Plan.

In conclusion, the NRC staff finds that the licensee's requested changes to TS Section 6.3, "Administrative Controls," are acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the New York 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 Administrative procedures. 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 4493). Accordingly, the 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 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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Dear Mr. Beedle:

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT FOR JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
(TAC NO. M82516)

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 178 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-59 for the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant. The amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application transmitted by letter dated December 30, 1991.

The amendment revises Section 6.0, "Administrative Controls," to reflect a management reorganization designed to improve operations at the plant. The management reorganization includes position title changes, the creation of two new senior level management positions on the same level as Superintendent of Power, the reassignment of position responsibilities, and the proposed restructuring of the Plant Operating Review Committee.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. A Notice of Issuance will be included in the Commission's next regular biweekly Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

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1. Amendment No.178 to DPR-59
2. Safety Evaluation

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