



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 56 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-42
WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR OPERATING CORPORATION
WOLF CREEK GENERATING STATION
DOCKET NO. 50-482

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By application dated June 19, 1992, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee) requested changes to the Technical Specifications (Appendix A to Facility Operating License No. NPF-42) for the Wolf Creek Generating Station. The proposed changes would revise Technical Specification (TS) 6.8 to clarify the approval process for plant procedures, make an editorial correction to TS 3.3 and update position titles in TS 6.5.1.2.

2.0 EVALUATION

The licensee proposed changes to three Technical Specifications in order to provide clarification of requirements or editorial corrections.

The first proposed change corrects a footnote to Table 3.3-6 to reflect revisions incorporated by Amendment 42 which removed radiological effluent technical specifications (RETS). Specifically, the change replaces a reference to TS 3.11.2.1, which was deleted by Amendment 42, with a reference to the appropriate section of the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM). Since the change does not affect the actions to be taken in accordance with the footnote but instead only corrects the source of information from a deleted specification to the ODCM, the staff finds the proposed change to be acceptable.

The second proposed change revises TS 6.5.1.2 regarding the composition of the Plant Safety Review Committee (PSRC) to reflect a position title change of one of its members. Since the change is an editorial correction which does not actually change the PSRC membership, but only reflects a change in title which resulted from organizational restructuring, the staff finds the proposed change to be acceptable.

The proposed change to TS 6.8.3 is intended to clarify the approval process for plant procedures. The existing TS 6.8.3 allows for limited changes to procedures under the jurisdiction of groups other than Operations to be made with the approval of a cognizant group leader and a call superintendent without the involvement of the Shift Supervisor. The wording of the existing specification might be misinterpreted since groups other than Operations are specifically named and the list of organizations is incomplete.

To clarify the specification, the proposed amendment changes the wording from a list of specific groups to 'groups other than operations' and provides the existing list in the form of examples. The proposed amendment does not result in any change in the actual procedural requirements but attempts to avoid a potential interpretation problem. Since the change consists only of an editorial clarification, the staff finds it to be acceptable.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

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

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment relates to changes in recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. 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 34593). 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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