



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 55 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-2
AND AMENDMENT NO. 46 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-8

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY

JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-348 AND 50-364

Introduction

Alabama Power Company (APCo) by letter dated July 6, 1984, requested amendments to the Farley Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications (TSs). The proposed amendments consist of revisions to the snubber Technical Specifications (Section 3/4.7.9) pursuant to NRC Generic Letter 84-13 and miscellaneous administrative changes to other sections of the Technical Specifications. Our evaluation follows.

Evaluation

The licensee proposed to delete Tables 3.7-4a and 3.7-4b from the Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications. Deletion of these tables, which list safety-related snubbers, will eliminate the need for frequent TS amendments to incorporate changes in the snubber listings. This change is in accordance with guidance issued to all licensees in NRC Generic Letter 84-13, dated May 3, 1984, Subject: Technical Specification for Snubber (Generic Letter 84-13). The licensee will maintain the listing of safety-related snubbers in the plant surveillance procedures. Changes to these lists are subject to the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.

The licensee has proposed miscellaneous administrative changes to other sections of the Technical Specifications. These changes were as follows:

- a. Revision of TS 4.4.6.5.c and Table 4.4-2 to reflect requirements for Licensee Event Reporting (LER) in accordance with the new LER Rule (10 CFR 50.73).
- b. Renumbering of existing TSs 3.6.5.4 and 4.6.5.4 to correct typographical errors.
- c. Clarification of surveillance requirements of existing TS 4.7.4.b.2 which requires inspection of buried piping at 18 month intervals during shutdown. The revised TS 4.7.4.c still requires the same inspection at the same interval, but clarifies surveillance requirements so that a plant shutdown is not implied as a requirement when performing this inspection. A radiation hazard is not involved and safe operation of the plant is not affected by performance of this inspection during plant operation.

- d. Renumbering of and correction of three typographical errors in existing TS Table 3.7-5 (Unit 2 only).
- e. Correction of temperature limits for Items 2.e and 2.f in TS Table 3.7-8 (Unit 2 only). The existing table has an inappropriate temperature limit of 150°f for Battery Charger Rooms A and B. The correct air temperature limit is actually 120°F and the table has been revised to reflect the correct air temperature limits.
- f. Revision of TSs 6.5.2.8.n and 6.5.3.1 to clarify the duties of Manager - Safety Audit and Engineering Review and reflect changes in management organization in the plant.

Safety Summary

Based on our review, we find the proposed changes to the Farley Units 1 and 2 Technical Specifications to be acceptable. We have determined that no significant hazards consideration is involved since the changes are administrative in nature.

Environmental Consideration

These amendments involve only changes in administrative procedure and requirements. Accordingly, these amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR Section 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 these amendments.

Conclusion

We have 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, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of these amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Dated: December 19, 1984

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