



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 82 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-9
AND AMENDMENT NO. 63 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NPF-17

DUKE POWER COMPANY

DOCKET NOS. 50-369 AND 50-370

MCGUIRE NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

I. INTRODUCTION

By letter dated March 14, 1988, Duke Power Company (the licensee) proposed amendments to change the McGuire Technical Specifications (TS) by removing obsolete text regarding Upper Head Injection (UHI) system.

II. EVALUATION

By previous Amendments 57 (McGuire Unit 1) and 38 (McGuire Unit 2), dated May 13, 1986, the Commission approved changes to the TS allowing operation with the UHI system (1) functionally disabled by closure of isolation valves or (2) physically removed. Because the changes applied to both of two units in the common TS document, each with different refueling outage schedules, and because each unit would operate one fuel cycle with UHI functionally disabled prior to physical removal, the previous changes contained provisions for the plant transition by specifying requirements during which the UHI system was (1) operable, (2) isolated but present, and (3) physically removed. The transition was completed during the 1987 refueling outages at which time the UHI system piping and valves were physically removed from each unit. Accordingly, all references in the TS to the UHI system are now obsolete. The licensee has requested that reference to the UHI system in the TS be removed to preclude any possible confusion over applicability of the extraneous specifications.

The staff has reviewed the licensee's request and finds that the requested change to delete obsolete text has no safety implication, and is purely administrative. Therefore, the proposed change is acceptable.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

These amendments involve changes to the installation or use of facility components located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The staff has determined that the amendments involve no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational exposure. The NRC staff has made a determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). 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.

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IV. CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (53 FR11369) on April 6, 1988. The Commission consulted with the state of North Carolina. No public comments were received, and the state of North Carolina did not have any comments.

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.

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Dated: May 10, 1988