



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

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. R-88

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

DOCKET NO. 50-188

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 13, 1998, Kansas State University (the licensee) requested that their security plan be deleted from their license since they have special nuclear material of low strategic significance at the facility.

2.0 EVALUATION

The license possession limits for special nuclear material (SNM) fall within the limits defined as SNM of Low Strategic Significance (SNMLSS). Since a physical security plan is not required for facilities that possess SNMLSS, the staff finds that deletion of the physical security plan is acceptable. A physical security plan is required for SNMLSS only if the quantity of material is 10 kilograms or more (see 10 CFR 73.67(c)). However the licensee's possession limits are well below this threshold.

The licensee is aware that security requirements for SNM that they possess must be provided in accordance with 10 CFR 73.67(f).

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves changes in the category of recordkeeping, reporting, and administrative procedures and 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) 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 this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public.

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