



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

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 72 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-77

AND AMENDMENT NO. 64 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-79

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-327 AND 50-328

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 27, 1987, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted a proposed change to the Technical Specifications (TS) for Sequoyah, Units 1 and 2. The proposed change to Section 6.9 incorporates in final copy, the "pen-and-ink" changes authorized by the 10 CFR Parts 50 and 51 Final Rule published in the Federal Register on November 6, 1986. In addition, one minor typographical error in the Unit 1 TS would be corrected.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Because of varying and sometimes conflicting requirements for the submittal of information by applicants and licensees, confusion had arisen with regard to copy requirements and proper submittal procedures. In an effort to clarify these matters, the NRC issued Regulatory Guide 10.1 (Revision 4), "Compilation of Reporting Requirements for Persons Subject to NRC Regulations," and on August 8, 1982, the Director, Division of Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, issued Generic Letter 82-14, "Submittal of Documents to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." While these efforts at clarification resolved much of the confusion, these guidance documents contained outdated information and, in many cases, conflicted with existing reporting requirements or individual licenses. Therefore, the NRC promulgated amendments to 10 CFR Parts 50 and 51 to specify copy requirements and provide mailing instructions for submittals to the NRC.

Licensees, whose TS contained submittal directions that conflicted with those of 10 CFR Parts 50 and 51, were authorized by the Rule to delete the conflicting directions by pen and ink changes to the TS. The pen and ink changes for all controlled copies of Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2 TS were completed with the subject changes noted as a "Special Revision." The proposed amendment formally incorporates these pen-and-ink changes into the licenses of the respective units.

3.0 EVALUATION

The staff has reviewed the requested TS change and determined that the proposed amendment is strictly administrative in nature. The requested changes to TS Sections 6.9.1, 6.9.1.10, 6.9.1.14 and 6.9.2 have been verified to be those pen-and-ink changes required by 10 CFR Parts 50 and 51 Final Rule published in the Federal Register on November 6, 1986. The additional change to Unit 1 TS was verified to be a typographical error and only administrative in nature.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

These amendments involve changes in reporting requirements. Accordingly, the amendments meet 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 nor environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of these amendments.

5.0 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 nor to the health and safety of the public.

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