

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-133

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-7 issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit No. 3, located near Eureka, California. The amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

This amendment adds operating limits and requirements to the Technical Specifications to assure safe conduct of a repair to the cracked reactor cleanup system piping discovered March 17, 1976.

The application for the amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment. Prior public notice of this amendment is not required since the amendment does not involve a significant hazards consideration.

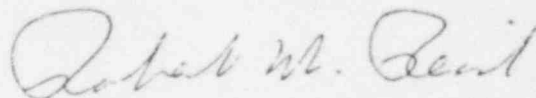
The Commission has determined that the issuance of this amendment will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR § 51.5(d)(4) an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of this amendment.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated March 20, 1976, (2) Amendment No. 12 to License No. DPR-7, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Humboldt County Library, 636 F Street, Eureka, California.

A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 24th day of March, 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch #4
Division of Operating Reactors

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
ATTN: Mr. John C. Morrissey
Vice President and General Counsel
77 Beale Street
San Francisco, California 94106

Gentlemen:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 12 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-7 for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit 3. The amendment is in response to your request dated March 20, 1976.

This amendment incorporates into the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit 3, Technical Specifications operating limits and requirements necessary for the safe conduct of repairs to the nonisolable leak in the reactor cleanup system suction piping discovered on March 17, 1976.

Changes to your proposal were necessary to meet our requirements. These have been discussed with your staff.

It is our understanding that a 100% hydrostatic test will be performed following the repairs and prior to power operation. In addition we request that the results of the analysis on the cracked piping and a history of similar pipe failures at Humboldt Bay be submitted within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter.

Copies of the related Safety Evaluation and the Federal Register Notice are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 12
2. Safety Evaluation
3. Federal Register Notice

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It is our understanding that a 1100 psig hydrostatic test will be performed following the repairs and prior to power operation. In addition we request that the results of the analysis on the cracked piping and a history of similar pipe failures at Humboldt Bay be submitted within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. This should include analysis and justification that other similar piping will not be subject to similar failures in the near future.

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Original signed by

Robert W. Reid, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 4
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*SEE PREVIOUS YELLOW COPY FOR CONCURRENCES

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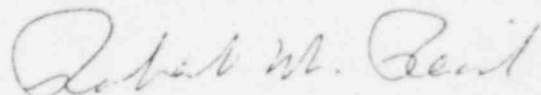
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