

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONNORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL.DOCKET NO. 50-423MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OFNO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49, issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO or the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3), located in New London County, Connecticut.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action would correct existing editorial and typographical errors in the Technical Specifications (TS). Each proposed change has been verified to meet the intent of what was originally proposed by NNECO and approved by the NRC in previously processed amendments to the TS. These changes are purely administrative and do not impact the operation of the facility. The proposed changes are summarized below.

1. TS 3.8.3.2 - Change 3.8.3.2.b.4.1 to 3.8.3.2.b.4.a.
2. TS 4.6.2.1.a.1 and TS 4.6.2.2.a - Add the word "that" after the words "flow path."
3. TS 4.8.1.1.2.i - Change TS 4.8.1.1.2.i.1 to TS 4.8.1.1.2.i.
4. TS 4.9.12 - Change TS 4.9.12 to TS 4.9.12.1.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated August 5, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

Changes to TS 3.8.3.2 and TS 4.9.12 are needed to correct sequential numbering in the TS. Changes to TS 4.6.2.1.a.1 and TS 4.6.2.2.a are needed to address a TS modification that was previously approved by the NRC in Amendment 50. The word "that" was inadvertently omitted from these TS Sections when Amendments 100 and 122 were approved. The change to TS 4.9.12 is needed to clarify that there is only one surveillance requirement in this paragraph.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the modifications to the TS are administrative in nature.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action:

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3," dated December 1984 (NUREG-1064).

Agencies and Persons Consulted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 19, 1999, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Denny Galloway of the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

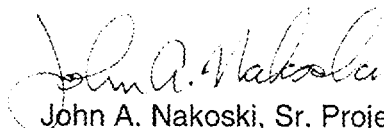
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On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 5, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document rooms located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

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