



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

RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 177

TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-49

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY, ET AL.

MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT NO. 3

DOCKET NO. 50-423

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 5, 1999, the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (the licensee), submitted a request for changes to the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 Technical Specifications (TSs). The requested changes would correct editorial errors in TS Sections 3.8.3.2, 4.6.2.1, 4.6.2.2, 4.8.1.1, and 4.9.12. Also, the requested changes correct minor editorial and reference errors in Technical Specification Bases Sections B 3/4.3.2, B 3/4.4.11, B 3/4.6.1.2, and B 3/4.8.4.

2.0 EVALUATION

The staff has completed its review of the proposed changes. These changes correct existing editorial and typographical errors in the TSs. Each proposed change has been verified to meet the intent of what was originally proposed by the licensee and approved by the NRC in previously processed amendments to the TSs. 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.

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.

The staff finds the proposed changes to the TSs acceptable.

The TS Bases are not part of the TS as defined by 10 CFR 50.36. Changes to the TS Bases may voluntarily be made in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59. Should the proposed change involve an unreviewed safety question pursuant to 10 CFR 50.59(a)(2), or involve a change in the interpretation of implementation of the TS (i.e., constitute a TS change), then the proposed change is to be provided to the staff pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59(c) and 10 CFR 50.90 for prior NRC review and approval.

The staff did not perform an evaluation of the TS Bases revisions and staff concurrence with the revisions to the bases pages is not implied. The staff may review the evaluations that support these TS Bases revisions during future inspections of Millstone Unit 3's implementation of 10 CFR 50.59.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Connecticut State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had no comments.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32, and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact has been prepared and published in the Federal Register on November 5, 1999 (64 FR 60463). Accordingly, based on the environmental assessment, the staff has determined that the issuance of the amendment will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission 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, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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