



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 46 TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-5

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1

DOCKET NO. 50-003

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated July 20, 1999, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison or the licensee), submitted a license amendment for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1 (IP1) to change Technical Specification (TS) 3.2.1.i to reflect a proposed organizational change pertaining to the unit staff. The proposed change would no longer require the Operations Manager (OM) to hold a Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) license at the time of initial appointment to the position and would allow either the OM or the Assistant Operations Manager (AOM) to hold a license to meet the requirement of 10 CFR 50.54(i) that the licensee "...shall designate individuals to be responsible for directing the licensed activities of licensed operators. These individuals shall be licensed as senior operators...."

2.0 EVALUATION

The description of the AOM position contained in the submittal of July 20, 1999, indicates that the position is equivalent to an "Operation Middle Manager" as defined in American National Standards Institute /American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS) standards. However, Con Edison states that the AOM meets all the qualification requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 except for the SRO license requirement, which in accordance with the TS, will allow an individual who does not hold a current SRO license to be appointed as OM or AOM, provided all the other qualification requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 are met.

Con Edison transmitted¹ the proposed changes to the Indian Point Unit 2 (IP2) TS, which included a revision to Sections 6.6.2.h and 6.3.1 to change the SRO requirement for the OM. The change of July 20, 1999, to the IP1 TS provides a similar change to TS 3.2.1.i.

Currently, IP1 TS 3.2.1.i states the following:

"The Operations Manager shall hold a senior reactor operator license."
*Licensed operator for IP-2"

¹Con Edison Letter from A. A. Blind, to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Document Control Desk, Subject: "Proposed Amendment Consisting Of Administrative Changes To The Technical Specifications," dated January 22, 1999.

This submittal proposes to change IP1 TS 3.2.1.i to read as follows:

"The qualification requirements of the Operations Manager and the Assistant Operations Manager are provided in Sections 6.2.2 and 6.3 of the Indian Point Unit 2 Technical Specifications."

The IP1 proposed amendment would revise TS 3.2.1.i to achieve consistency with the IP2 amendment. The amendment would change the requirement that the OM or AOM must be a licensed SRO. The revision would allow an individual who does not hold a current SRO to be appointed as the OM or the AOM, provided all other qualification requirements of ANSI N18.1-1971 are met.

3.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the New York State official was notified of the proposed issuance of this amendment. The State official had no comment on this action.

4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes record keeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the 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 needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission has concluded on the basis of the considerations previously 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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