

related to 4.5.1.b.3 in a previous TS change.

Environmental Impacts to the Proposed Action

The proposed changes will provide additional time for operator action in a boron dilution event to assure that there is at least 15 minutes between the time to boron dilution alarm assuming an alarm penalty of 1.3 and the time to criticality for Modes 1 through 5 and 30 minutes for Mode 6 for operator action. The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed TS changes and concludes that the combination of the shutdown margin increases and the lower credited boron dilution alarm setpoint assuming an alarm penalty factor of 1.3 will provide assurance that the criteria for operator action will be met. In addition, the neutron sources will be moved further away from the excore detectors for the Cycle 19 startup (approximately March 1995). This will provide additional margin in the alarm setpoint as the need for any penalty factor will be significantly reduced or completely eliminated. In addition, the staff agrees that the change in references in TS 3.1.2.2, 3.1.2.4, and 3.1.2.6, and Surveillance Specifications 4.1.2.3.1 and 4.1.2.4.1 are editorial in nature.

The proposed TS change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with this proposed TS amendment.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed amendment does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed amendment, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of 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 resources not considered previously in the Final Environmental Statement for the Haddam Neck Plant.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official has no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon 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 amendment.

For further details with respect to this proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 7, 1994, 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 room located at the Russell Library, 123 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06547.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of February 1995.

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Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No 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 (the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise Technical Specification (TS) 3.5.2.a by granting a one-time extension of the allowable Residual Heat Removal (RHR)

pump outage time for mechanical seal replacement and related modifications from 72 hours to 120 hours. This exception would only be used one time per pump and expire on April 30, 1995. The amendment would clearly define the times in which each RHR pump and associated RHR heat exchanger must be restored to an operable state.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated August 16, 1994, as supplemented by letter dated January 10, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would reduce the potential for an unnecessary plant shutdown, thus, eliminating a source of unnecessary challenges to the plant's safety systems.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that one-time extension of the RHR pump outage time from 72 hours to 120 hours to acceptable.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. 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.