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Dated in Washington, DC, 30 January 1995.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Environmental Assessment and Request for Comments; Notice

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of environmental assessment and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the construction and operation of a Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) facility at a Louisiana State University site in Livingston Parish, Louisiana. LIGO is a scientific research program for the detection and study of cosmic gravitational waves. The program shall enhance our understanding of the nature of gravity and expand our knowledge of astrophysics. Possible effects of the project on wetlands have been mitigated by the acquisition and restoration of 39 acres of wetlands at the Cypress Island Nature Preserve. NSF is inviting public comment on the Environmental Assessment.

DATES: The NSF welcomes any comments on the environmental assessment. In order to be assured consideration comments must be received no later than March 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be addressed to Dr. David Berley, Program Manager for LIGO, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1015, Arlington, Virginia, 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Berley, 703-306-1892.

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Lawrence Rudolph,
Acting General Counsel, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-213]

Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company; Haddam Neck Plant; 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. DPR-61, issued to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCO, the licensee), for operation of the Haddam Neck Plant, located in Middlesex County, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment

Identificatjon of the Proposed Action

CYAPCO has proposed to revise Technical Specification (TS) 3/4.4.9, "Pressure Temperature Limits, Reactor Coolant System," Figures 3.4-3, 4, and 5, and the associated Bases section. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's amendment request dated April 7, 1994, as supplemented November 4, 1994.

The Need for the Proposed Action

NRC Information Notice 93-58, "Nonconservatism in Low-Temperature Overpressure Protection for Pressurized-Water Reactors," alerted licensees of potential nonconservatisms associated with the Low Temperature Overpressurization Protection (LTOP) system resulting from pressure drop across the core. Upon review of this information, the Haddam Neck Plant adopted a conservative set of curves until new curves could be developed for the plant. These TS changes reflect the analysis performed to evaluate the brittle fracture requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G and the ASME XI Code.

These changes will ensure that the desired margins of safety against nonductile failure of the reactor vessel are maintained through all modes of operation, especially when the reactor coolant system (RCS) is at low temperatures.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revision to the TS. The staff has concluded that the proposed TS changes involving the changes in TS 3/4.4.9, "Pressure/Temperature Limits, Reactor Coolant System," Figures 3.4-3, 4, and 5, and the associated Bases Section adequately address the non-conservatisms

identified in NRC Information Notice 93-58 and will ensure compliance with the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G requirements during normal modes of operation. The staff made this determination by reviewing the plant specific analysis to assure that the proposed heatup, cooldown, and hydrostatic test, pressure/temperature limit curves have been chosen to ensure the plant is operated safely. In addition, the new P/T curves are more restrictive and conservative than the current curves.

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.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological or 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 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 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