

absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 3, 1996, 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 Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of June 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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[Docket No. 50-339]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw its October 17, 1995, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Unit No. 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications pertaining to the minimum number of steam generators required to be inspected during the first inservice inspection following steam generator replacement.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the Federal Register on November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58406). However, by letter dated February 19, 1996, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 17, 1995, and the licensee's letter dated February 19, 1996, which withdrew the application

for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and the Alderman Library, Special Collections Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903-2498.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 7th day of June 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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[Docket No. 50-285]

Omaha Public Power District, Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1; 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-40, issued to Omaha Public Power District (the licensee), for operation of the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit 1, located in Washington County, Nebraska.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would issue an amendment to allow an increase in the initial nominal Uranium-235 (U-235) enrichment limit for fuel assemblies which may be stored in the spent fuel pool. This action would allow the licensee to extend the biennial interval until the first quarter of 1996. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated February 1, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The licensee intends to store unirradiated fuel with a maximum initial enrichment of 4.5 w/o U-235 in Region 1 of the spent fuel pool during the next refueling outage (Refuel 17). Spent fuel will be stored in Region 2 of the spent fuel pool. At present, fuel with a maximum initial enrichment up to 4.2 weight percent of U-235 can be stored in Region 1 and Region 2 of the spent fuel pool.

Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revision to the technical specifications (TSs) and concludes that the use of fuel with a maximum enrichment of 4.5 w/o U-235

would not significantly increase the probability or consequences of any accident previously analyzed. The proposed amendment would increase the allowable fuel enrichment from 4.2 w/o to 4.5 w/o U-235 in Region 1 of the spent fuel pool and modify the burnup/enrichment restrictions imposed on fuel stored in Region 2 to include fuel with an enrichment up to 4.5 w/o.

The environmental impacts of transportation resulting from the use of higher enrichment and extended irradiation are discussed in the staff assessment entitled "NRC Assessment of the Environmental Effects of Transportation Resulting from Extended Fuel Enrichment and Irradiation." This assessment was published in the Federal Register on August 11, 1988 (53 FR 30355) as corrected on August 24, 1988 (53 FR 32322) in connection with the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. As indicated therein, the environmental cost contribution of an increase in fuel enrichment of up to 5 weight percent U-235 and irradiation limits of up to 60 Gigawatt Days per Metric Ton (GWD/MT) are either unchanged, or may in fact be reduced from those summarized in Table S-4 as set forth in 10 CFR 51.52(c). These findings are applicable to the proposed amendment for the Ft. Calhoun Station, Unit 1. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this proposed action would result in no significant radiological environmental impact.

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

The Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the Federal Register on March 13, 1996 (61 FR 10396).

Alternative to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.