

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 April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15997).

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.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested amendment. This would not reduce environmental impacts of plant operation and would result in reduced operational flexibility.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for SONGS Units 2 and 3, dated April 1981 (NUREG-0490).

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on September 19, 1996, the Commission consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu of the State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had 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 action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for license amendment dated December 6, 1995. Copies are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, and at the temporary local public document room located at the Science Library, University of California, Irvine, California 92713.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of September 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Periodic Verification of Design-Basis Capability of Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 96-05 to all holders of operating licenses (except those licenses that have been amended to possession-only status) or construction permits for nuclear power reactors, to (1) discuss the periodic verification of the capability of safety-related motor-operated valves to perform their safety functions consistent with the current licensing basis of nuclear power plants, (2) request that each addressee of this generic letter establish a program, or ensure the effectiveness of its current program, to verify on a periodic basis that safety-related MOVs continue to be capable of performing their safety functions within the current licensing basis of the facility, and (3) require addressees to provide to the NRC a written response relating to implementation of the requested action. This generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9609100488.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on September 18, 1996.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas G. Scarbrough, at (301) 415-2794.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NRC regulations require that components that are important to the safe operation of a nuclear power plant, including motor-operated valves (MOVs), be treated in a manner that provides assurance of their performance. Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," and Appendix B, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants," to Part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR Part 50) include broad-based requirements in this regard. In 10 CFR 50.55a(f), the NRC requires licensees to comply with Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical

Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code).

Nuclear power plant operating experience, valve performance problems and MOV research have revealed that the focus of the ASME Code on stroke time and leak-rate testing for MOVs was not sufficient for ensuring the long-term capability of MOVs to perform their design-basis safety functions in light of the design of the valves and the conditions under which they must function. For this reason, on June 28, 1989, the NRC staff issued Generic Letter (GL) 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valve Testing and Surveillance." In GL 89-10, the staff requested that certain actions be taken to ensure the capability of MOVs in safety-related systems to perform their intended functions. The staff issued seven supplements to GL 89-10 that provided additional guidance and information.

GL 89-10 and its supplements provide only limited guidance regarding periodic verification and the measures appropriate to assure preservation of design-basis capability. This generic letter provides more complete guidance regarding periodic verification of safety-related MOVs and supersedes GL 89-10 and its supplements with regard to MOV periodic verification. Although this guidance could have been provided in a supplement to GL 89-10, the staff has prepared this new generic letter to allow closure of the staff review of GL 89-10 programs as promptly as possible.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of September 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

1996 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a list of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities, as required by the Inspector General Act of 1978 (IG Act), as subsequently amended.

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