

a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Robert A. Capra: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Michael I. Miller, Esquire; Sidley and Austin, One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60603, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained 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 amendments dated December 21, 1995, as supplemented on October 24, 1996, which are 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 rooms located at: for Byron, the Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 61010; for Braidwood, the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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**[Docket No. 50-348]**

**Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. Alabama Power Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (Southern Nuclear), to withdraw its August 23, 1996, application for proposed

amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-2 for the Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, located in Houston County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would have revised the technical specifications by modifying the installation method for previously licensed steam generator tube elevated tubesheet laser welded sleeves in Farley Nuclear Plant, Unit 1.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the Federal Register on September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47982). However, by letter dated February 7, 1997, Southern Nuclear withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 23, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated February 7, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are 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 Houston-Love Memorial Library, 212 W. Burdeshaw Street, P.O. Box 1369, Dothan, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Md., this 13th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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**Proposed Generic Communication; Assurance of Sufficient Net Positive Suction Head for Emergency Core Cooling and Containment Heat Removal Pumps (M96537)**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to issue a generic letter that will request addressees to submit the analysis and pertinent assumptions used to determine the net positive suction head (NPSH) available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps. This information will enable the NRC to determine if the NPSH analyses for reactor facilities are consistent with their respective current licensing basis. The NRC is seeking comment from interested parties regarding both the technical and

regulatory aspects of the proposed generic letter presented under the Supplementary Information heading.

The proposed generic letter has been endorsed by the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR). The relevant information that was sent to the CRGR will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The NRC will consider comments received from interested parties in the final evaluation of the proposed generic letter. The NRC's final evaluation will include a review of the technical position and, as appropriate, an analysis of the value/impact on licensees. Should this generic letter be issued by the NRC, it will become available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room.

**DATES:** Comment period expires March 24, 1997. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSEES:** Submit written comments to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-6D-69, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 am to 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Howard (Jack) Dawson, (301) 415-3138.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**NRC GENERIC LETTER 97-XX:  
ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET  
POSITIVE SUCTION HEAD FOR  
EMERGENCY CORE COOLING  
AND CONTAINMENT HEAT  
REMOVAL PUMPS**

**Addressees**

All holders of operating licenses for nuclear power plants, except those who have certified to a permanent cessation of operations.

**Purpose**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this generic letter (GL) to request that addressees submit the analysis and pertinent assumptions used to determine the net positive suction head (NPSH) available for emergency core cooling (including core spray and decay heat removal) and containment heat removal pumps. This information will enable the NRC to determine if the NPSH analyses for reactor facilities are