

the Federal Register on November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58402). However, by letter dated February 4, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated October 24, 1995, as supplemented March 7, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated February 4, 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 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 19th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Northeast Utilities; Notice of Document Availability and Public Meeting

On January 31, 1997, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received from Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), the licensee for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, its comprehensive plan for resolving employee safety concerns. The plan is in response to an NRC Order. On October 24, 1996, the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation sent an Order to NNECO requiring: (1) A comprehensive plan for resolving the Millstone station employees' safety concerns; and (2) an independent third-party oversight of NNECO's implementation of this plan. Copies of NNECO's Comprehensive Plan pertaining to the employee safety concerns program are available at the Waterford Public Library, ATTN: Mr. Vincent Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut.

The NRC will hold a public meeting regarding the comprehensive plan for resolving the Millstone station employees' safety concerns. The meeting will be held in the near future at the Waterford Town Hall in

Waterford, Connecticut. The meeting will be open to public attendance and will be transcribed. The NRC has elected to hold such a public meeting because of the public's interest.

The structure of the public meeting shall be as follows:

NRC opening remarks
Members of the public comments and questions
NRC closing remarks
Meeting concludes

The purpose of this public meeting is to obtain comments from members of the public for NRC staff use in evaluating NNECO's comprehensive plan addressing employee safety concerns. The staff will not offer any preliminary views on its evaluation of the comprehensive plan. The public meeting will be chaired by a senior NRC official who will limit presentations to the above subject.

A meeting notice will be issued stating the date and time of the meeting.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-15 issued to Southern California Edison Company (the licensee) for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit No. 3 located in San Diego County, California.

The proposed amendment would defer implementation of Surveillance Requirement 3.3.5.6 of Technical Specification 3.3.5, "Engineered Safety Features Actuation System (ESFAS) Instrumentation" for the 30 subgroup relays identified in Attachment C of the licensee's February 18, 1997, letter to no later than the upcoming SONGS Unit 3 Cycle 9 refueling outage (currently scheduled to begin on April 12, 1997).

The exigent circumstances for this TS amendment request exist because it would avoid an undesirable transient associated with an unnecessary plant

shutdown and this would minimize potential safety consequences and operational risks associated with such action. In the event of a planned or unplanned shutdown of Unit 3, prior to the Cycle 9 refueling outage, testing in accordance with Surveillance Requirement 3.3.5.6 will be completed prior to increasing in Modes from that shutdown.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change would defer completion of Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.3.5.6 of Technical Specification (TS) 3.3.5 for 30 Emergency Safety Feature Actuation System (ESFAS) subgroup relays until the Unit 3, Cycle 9 refueling outage.

Operation of the facility would remain unchanged as a result of the proposed change and no assumptions or results of any accident analyses are affected. Based on other surveillance testing, the response time margin available for these subgroup relays, results of response time testing on Unit 2 relays, and the history of no failures since the 1989 to 1993 time period, the capability of these ESFAS subgroup relays to perform their specified safety function has been demonstrated and they are operable.

Therefore, the proposed change will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change would defer completion of SR 3.3.5.6 of TS 3.3.5 for 30 ESFAS subgroup relays until the Unit 3, Cycle 9 refueling outage.