

or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously evaluated accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

The change will not create new operating conditions or a new plant configuration that could lead to a new or different type of accident.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The proposed change corrects a typographical error. As such, there is no reduction in the margins of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

The proposed amendment corrects a typographical error. As such, the effectiveness of the safety, safeguards, and security programs is not decreased.

Effective date: 30 days after issuance

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-2: Amendment will incorporate a revised Surveillance Requirement of a Technical Safety Requirement.

Local Public Document Room

location: Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 70-7001]

Notice of Receipt of Amendment Application to Certificate of Compliance GDP-1 for The U.S. Enrichment Corporation Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Paducah, Kentucky; Notice of Comment Period

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has received an amendment application from the United States Enrichment Corporation that may be considered to be significant pursuant to 10 CFR 76.45. Any interested party may submit written comments on the application for amendment for consideration by the staff. To be certain of consideration, comments must be received by September 2, 1997. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do

so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

Written comments on the amendment application should be mailed to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, or may be hand delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Comments should be legible and reproducible, and include the name, affiliation (if any), and address of the submitter. All comments received by the Commission will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room and the Local Public Document Room. In accordance with 10 CFR 76.62 and 76.64, a member of the public must submit written comments to be eligible to petition the Commission requesting review of the Director's Decision on the amendment request.

For further details with respect to the action see the application for amendment. The application 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.

Date of amendment request: April 23, 1997.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment is related to the planned modifications to upgrade the seismic capability of Buildings C-331 and C-335 at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Specifically, the proposed amendment will move back the completion date for the seismic modifications contained in Compliance Plan Issue 36. Additionally, the following three issues will be addressed: (1) The increased stiffness of the buildings following completion of the modifications may increase the number and the probability of seismically-induced equipment failures inside the buildings; (2) the process of installing the new structural steel may temporarily make the building and contained equipment more susceptible to seismically-induced failure as the existing structural frames are altered and/or replaced; and (3) the process of installing the new structural steel may temporarily increase the probability of equipment failures due to postulated load handling accidents during construction.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-1: Amendment will revise Compliance Plan Issue 36 on the seismic modifications and will allow the planned modifications to proceed.

Local Public Document Room location: Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370]

Duke Power Company; McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and; Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17 issued to the Duke Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, which requires a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations.

The proposed action is in response to the licensee's application dated February 4, 1997, as supplemented on March 19, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24 is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of special nuclear material, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power