

impacts, both radiological and nonradiological, associated with the licensing the MNRC for a period of 20 years, are not significant and have been adequately evaluated by the applicant.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has reviewed the applicant's application for an operating license and environmental report in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the EA, the staff concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

For further details with respect to this action see the applicant's request for an operating license dated October 23, 1996, as supplemented on June 16, September 5, October 7 and 9, and December 17, 1997. These documents are available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20003. Single copies of the EA may be obtained from Alexander Adams Jr., Senior Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, M.S. O-11-B-20, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-133]

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact; Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Facility License No. DPR-7, issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E or the licensee), for the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit No. 3, a permanently shut down plant, located near Eureka, California.

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise the Technical Specifications to incorporate the requirements of Appendix I to 10 CFR Part 50, into the Radiological Effluents Technical Specification (RETS) and to relocate the controls and limitations on RETS and radiological environmental monitoring (currently in the Technical Specifications) to the Offsite Dose Calculation Manual and the Process Control Program. The proposed action would also revise the Technical Specifications to implement Generic Letter 89-01 (GL 89-01) and to incorporate the requirements of the revised 10 CFR Part 20.

The Need for the Proposed Action

On July 29, 1996, the NRC published a **Federal Register** notice containing decommissioning regulation amendments that became effective August 28, 1996. Contained within these amendments were revisions to 10 CFR 50.36a and 10 CFR 50, Appendix I, making the Appendix I requirements applicable to decommissioning activities as well as operating nuclear power reactors.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

There is no alternative to this proposed action. PG&E, the Humboldt Bay licensee must comply with the recently revised NRC decommissioning regulations which require the technical specification changes contained in the proposed license amendment.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

Although the proposed limits on radiological effluents are much more stringent than the limits in the current technical specifications, the previous radiological effluents from Humboldt Bay decommissioning were so low that they would have been in compliance with the proposed new limits. Thus, the proposed action does not involve any measurable environmental impacts, since neither the facility configuration nor SAFSTOR decommissioning mode will change. The staff has also determined that the proposed action will not have any significant radiological impacts on air, water, land, or biota in the area or any other significant environmental impact.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action based on the foregoing environmental assessment. The Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment for the reason given above.

For detailed information with respect to this proposed action, see the application for a license amendment dated December 9, 1996, as supplemented on June 12, 1997 and March 13, 1998. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 100th meeting on April 21-22 (Room T-2B3) and April 23 (Room T-2B1), 1998, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, April 21, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 6 P.M.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 6 P.M.

Thursday, April 23, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 4 P.M.

A. *Viability Assessment (VA) Guidance*—The NRC staff will discuss guidance being prepared for its review of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Yucca Mountain Viability Assessment.

B. *NEI Comments on VA*—Representatives from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) will comment on the DOE's viability assessment for the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

C. *Meeting with the NRC Executive Director for Operations*—Mr. Callan will discuss a number of issues of mutual interest with the Committee.