

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in
Mathematical Sciences; Notice of
Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis in Mathematical Sciences (1204).

Date and Time: February 4-6, 1999; 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

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Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposal submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals concerning the Algebra and Number Theory Program, as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-336]

**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et
al., 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. DPR-65 issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (the licensee, or NNECO), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, located in Waterford, Connecticut.

The proposed amendment would change Technical Specifications (TSs) 3.5.2, "Emergency Core Cooling

Systems—ECCS Subsystems—Tavg [greater than or equal to] 300 [degrees Fahrenheit];" 3.6.2.1, "Containment Systems—Depressurization and Cooling Systems—Containment Spray and Cooling Systems;" 3.7.1.2, "Plant Systems—Auxiliary Feedwater Pumps;" 3.7.3.1, "Plant Systems—Reactor Building Closed Cooling Water System;" and 3.7.4.1, "Plant Systems—Service Water System." Changes to the acceptance criteria contained in these TSs are necessary based on revised hydraulic analyses and related accident analyses. Also, the bases of the associated TSs will be modified to address the proposed changes.

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.

The Commission has made a proposed determination 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:

In accordance with 10CFR50.92, NNECO has reviewed the proposed changes and has concluded that they do not involve a significant hazards consideration (SHC). The basis for this conclusion is that the three criteria of 10CFR50.92(c) are not compromised. The proposed changes do not involve an SHC because the changes would not:

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes to the acceptance criteria of the Technical Specification surveillance requirements for various Engineered Safety Features (ESF) pumps are consistent with the hydraulic and accident analyses. The revised acceptance criteria will ensure that pump degradation, which could adversely impact the accident analyses, will be detected.

The proposed changes to the Technical Specification surveillance requirements and associated Bases will have no adverse effect on plant operation or accident mitigation equipment. The proposed changes can not cause an accident, and they do not affect pump operation. The pumps will continue to operate as assumed in the analyses to

mitigate the design basis accidents. Therefore, there will be no significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes to the acceptance criteria of the Technical Specification surveillance requirements for various ESF pumps are consistent with the hydraulic and accident analyses. The revised acceptance criteria will ensure that pump degradation, which could adversely impact the accident analyses, will be detected.

The proposed changes to the Technical Specification surveillance requirements and associated Bases will not affect the way the pumps are operated during normal plant operations, or how the pumps will operate after an accident. In addition, ESF pump operation is not an accident initiator. Therefore, the proposed changes will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The proposed changes to the acceptance criteria of the Technical Specification surveillance requirements for various ESF pumps are consistent with the hydraulic and accident analyses. The revised acceptance criteria will ensure that pump degradation, which could adversely impact the accident analyses, will be detected.

The proposed changes to the Technical Specification surveillance requirements and associated Bases will have no adverse effect on equipment important to safety. The equipment will continue to function as assumed in the design basis accident analysis. Therefore, there will be no significant reduction in the margin of safety as defined in the Bases for the Technical Specifications affected by these proposed changes.

The NRC has provided guidance concerning the application of standards in 10CFR50.92 by providing certain examples (March 6, 1986, 51 FR 7751) of amendments that are considered not likely to involve an SHC. The minor change from "psi" [pounds per square inch] to "psid" [pounds per square inch differential] is enveloped by example (i), a purely administrative change to Technical Specifications. The other changes proposed herein are not enveloped by a specific example.

As described above, this License Amendment Request does not impact the probability of an accident previously evaluated, does not involve a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated, does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated, and does not result in a significant reduction in a margin of safety. Therefore, NNECO has concluded that the proposed changes do not involve an SHC.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are