

that application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of Section III.F of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the exemption from Section III.F of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 for Fire Zones 50-78A, 50-78B (except Room 429), 50-78V, 50-78W, 50-78EE, 50-88, 50-89, 6S-42, 6S-5M, 13N-36, and 13N-13M. As stated above, the requested exemption for Room 429 (Fire Zone 50-78B) and Room 222 (Fire Zone 50-99) is denied.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (65 FR 46750).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of August, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-334 and 50-412]

Pennsylvania Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its January 18, 1999, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-66 and NPF-73, for the Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (BVPS-1 and 2), located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed amendments would have: (1) Deleted license condition 2.C.(3) from the BVPS-1 operating license and deleted some references to two-loop operation from BVPS-1 Technical Specifications (TSs); (2) revised BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TSs 2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1, associated Tables 2.2-1 and 3.3-4, and associated Bases, to use consistent format and wording between units; (3) revised BVPS-1 and BVPS-2

TSs 2.2.1 and 3.3.2.1, associated Tables 2.2-1 and 3.3-4, and associated Bases, to include revised nominal trip setpoints and allowable values; (4) deleted or revised TSs to reflect the current configuration of Unit 1 plant hardware; and (5) made miscellaneous editorial changes to BVPS-1 and BVPS-2 TSs and associated Bases to define terms, revise formatting, modify titles, and add license numbers to pages.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 1999, (64 FR 9189). However, by letter dated July 29, 2000, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated January 18, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated July 29, 2000, 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 accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25 day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to withdraw its July 13, 1999, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79 for the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

The proposed amendments would have revised the facility technical specifications (TS) by temporarily increasing the maximum temperature limit of the plant's ultimate heat sink,

which is the Tennessee River, from 84.5°F to 87.0°F.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments published in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 2000 (65 FR 45113). By letter dated August 21, 2000, TVA withdrew the proposed change on the basis that, with current conditions and projections, the Tennessee River temperature is forecast to remain below the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant's current TS temperature limit.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated July 13, 2000 and the TVA's letter dated August 21, 2000, which withdrew the application for license amendments. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-326]

University of California, Irvine, Nuclear Research Reactor; Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to Facility Operating License No. R-116, issued to University of California, Irvine (the licensee) for operation of their research reactor.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow renewal of the license for 20 years for the University of California, Irvine Nuclear Reactor Facility (UCINRF). The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated October 18, 1999, as amended on April 24, and June 2, 2000. The licensee submitted an