

unprotected openings located in the south wall of the charging pump cubicles. The lack of rated penetration seals was identified in NRC inspection report 50-338, 339/92-18 dated October 19, 1992.

The Commission's technical evaluation of the licensee's proposed amendment to the exemption will be published in a report entitled "Safety Evaluation Related to An Addendum To Exemption From Certain Requirements of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 at North Anna Power Station, Units No. 1 and No. 2." The evaluation is responsive to the licensee's request for an addendum to the exemption dated December 11, 1992, as supplemented by letter dated August 18, 1994.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption amendment is needed to clarify which penetrations in the south wall separating the charging pump cubicles are not sealed to a rating of 3 hours. In addition, documentation is required to specify that the lack of fire-rated penetration seals in the south wall of the pump cubicles does not present an undue risk to the public health and safety. Finally, the proposed amended exemption is needed in order to permit the licensee to use alternative fire protection configurations that achieve an equivalent level of safety compared to that attained by compliance with Section III.G of Appendix R.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed amendment to the Exemption would not degrade the level of safety attained by compliance with the rule and there would be no change in accident doses to the environment. Consequently, the probability of fires has not been increased and the post-fire radiological releases would not be greater than previously determined; nor does the proposed exemption otherwise affect radiological plant effluents. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with this proposed exemption amendment.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed exemption amendment involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there is no significant non-radiological environmental impact associated with the proposed exemption amendment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since we have concluded that the environmental effects of the proposed action are not significant, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested amendment to the exemption. This would not reduce the environmental impacts associated with fire protection modifications and compliance with the rule would accrue unreasonable costs to the licensee without an increase in safety.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement (as amended) for the North Anna Power Station, Units No. 1 and No. 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 3, 1995, the staff consulted with the Virginia State official, James Dekrafft, of the Virginia Department of Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendment to the exemption.

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, we conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for an addendum to the exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, section III.G. of Appendix R dated December 11, 1992, as supplemented by letter dated August 18, 1994, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Board of Supervisors Office, Louisa, County Courthouse, Louisa Virginia 23093, and the Alderman Library, Manuscripts Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of August 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Generic Letter 95-06, Changes in the Operator Licensing Program; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 95-06 to inform licensees of nuclear power reactors of the NRC's intent to revise the manner in which the NRC administers the initial operator licensing program to allow greater participation of facility licensees, and to solicit volunteers to participate in a pilot program that will evaluate and refine the new examination development process. This generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9508110156. The information that was sent to the Committee to Review Generic Requirements for this generic letter will be made available in the NRC Public Document Room.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on August 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Richards (301) 415-1031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25 day of August, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Generic Letter 95-07, Pressure Locking and Thermal Binding of Safety-Related Power-Operated Gate Valves; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 95-07 to request licensees of nuclear power reactors to describe their consideration of the potential for pressure locking and thermal binding of safety-related power-operated gate valves, and the planned and completed corrective actions for valves that are determined to be susceptible to these problems. This generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9508110268. The information that was sent to the Committee to Review Generic Requirements, including the resolution