

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 50-320

GPU Nuclear, Inc., et al; Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Possession Only License No. DPR-73, issued to GPU Nuclear, Inc. (the licensee), for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2 (TMI-2), located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would add a statement to existing License Condition 2.B.(5) to ensure that the storage of certain radioactive materials at TMI-2 from the co-located Three Mile Island, Unit 1, as authorized under the Unit 1 license, does not result in a source term that, if released, would exceed that previously analyzed in the Post-Defueling Monitored Storage Safety Analysis Report for TMI-2.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated June 29, 1999, as supplemented by letters dated August 27, October 29, and November 3, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to ensure that activities conducted under authorization of the TMI-1 license, which permits the movement to and storage at TMI-2 of certain radioactive materials, do not contravene the existing restrictions applicable to TMI-2.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action effectively places appropriate limits on the radioactive materials that may be possessed by the TMI-1 licensee at TMI-2, and, further, has determined that the source term from any accident involving radioactive material at TMI-2 under the TMI-1 license would be within that assumed in the Post-Defueling Monitored Storage Safety Analysis Report for TMI-2.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation

exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites, does not affect nonradiological plant effluents, and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant, nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative actions are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 20, 1999, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Stan Maingi of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Radiation Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated June 29, 1999, as supplemented by letters dated August 27, October 29, and November 3, 1999, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publically available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of December 1999.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Wednesday, December 15, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Wednesday, December 15

9:25 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) a:
Final Rule—AP600 Design Certification (Tentative) (Contact: Ken Hart, 301-415-1659)

9:30 a.m.

Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Dr. John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

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Dated: December 8, 1999.

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