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C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations;

D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health or safety of the public; and

E. The issuance of this amendment is in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

2. Accordingly, the license is amended by changes to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment, and paragraph 2.C(2) of Facility Operating License No. DPR-44 is hereby amended to read as follows:
(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendices A and B, as revised through Amendment No. 142, are hereby incorporated in the license. PECO shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. This license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated February 11, 1982 as amended on August 24, 1983, November 1, 1985, September 30, 1986, September 8, 1987 and September 7, 1988, Philadelphia Electric Company requested an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3. The amendments would amend the Technical Specifications to reflect the addition of restrictions on the use of overtime for plant personnel who perform safety-related functions. The proposed amendment incorporates restrictions on working hours and administrative controls based on seven-day work periods for all site staff who perform safety-related functions and also based on periods of up to one calendar year for shift operators (licensed Senior Operators, licensed Operators and non-licensed Operators). The licensee states that the purpose of the amendment is to ensure control over excessive periods of continuous work or chronic overtime. The controls are intended to minimize the probability of personnel error and improve personnel attentiveness to safety-related activities.

2.0 EVALUATION

The following are the overtime limits as proposed for the licensee's amendment to the Peach Bottom Technical Specifications.

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In addition, the licensee has added overtime limits for extended periods of time, as indicated in the table above. Those additional limits apply to shift operators. Although the licensee notes in the "Bases" section of the amendment that the working hour restrictions are based on guidelines provided in NUREG/CR-4248, the licensee has actually adopted less conservative limits than the guidelines in that document. However, since the licensee is proposing to put into place administrative controls that exceed present NRC policy, the proposed limits are acceptable.

The amendment also requires that the Plant Manager or appropriate alternates must approve the exceedance of the hourly limitations in the first column of the table. If the limits in the second column are exceeded, the Plant Manager must report in writing to the site Vice President citing the reason for the exceedance and corrective actions must be taken. The licensee also states that procedures will be provided such that overtime is monitored on a cumulative basis. Approval to exceed limits in the first column can be granted on an individual basis only, except during extended shutdown periods. The licensee intends that this will ensure management attention in each case.
The licensee further states that management control and awareness of overtime working hour status will be kept at the senior level and will ensure that the need for potential corrective actions to limit the amount of overtime is brought to the attention of plant management.

The computation of working hours, for the purpose of this Technical Specification, excludes shift turnover time and sick, vacation, or other types of leave. All work activities, including training, are included as working hours.

The licensee has included limits in the amendment application on overtime hours that are within current NRC policy as stated in Generic Letters 82-12 and 82-16. The amendment also provides for a level of managerial control that is sufficiently high to ensure monitoring of trends in overtime work. The staff therefore, finds the amendment acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

These amendments involve a change to recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendments meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement nor environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendments.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendments involve no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (53 FR 40998) on October 19, 1988 and consulted with the State of Pennsylvania. That notice superseded and replaced in its entirety the notice published in the Federal Register on January 29, 1986 (51 FR 3717). No public comments were received and the State of Pennsylvania did not have any comments.

The staff has concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and the issuance of the amendments will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Principal Contributor: Dolores S. Morisseau

Dated: March 22, 1989