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Sincerely,

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DOCKET NO. 50-298

COOPER NUCLEAR STATION

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 200  
License No. DPR-46

1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
  - A. The application for amendment by Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee) dated October 8, 2002, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
  - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
  - 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 license amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and 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-46 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Technical Specifications

The Technical Specifications contained in Appendix A, as revised through Amendment No. 200, are hereby incorporated in the license. The Nebraska Public Power District shall operate the facility in accordance with the Technical Specifications.

3. The license amendment is effective as of its date of issuance and shall be implemented within 60 days from the date of issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Robert A. Gramm, Chief, Section 1  
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Attachment: Changes to the Technical  
Specifications

Date of Issuance: July 15, 2003

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 200

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-46

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Replace the following pages of the Appendix A Technical Specifications with the enclosed revised pages. The revised pages are identified by amendment number and contain marginal lines indicating the areas of change.

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION  
RELATED TO AMENDMENT NO. 200 TO  
FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-46  
NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT  
COOPER NUCLEAR STATION  
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated October 8, 2002, Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee) requested changes to the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) Technical Specifications (TS). The proposed changes revise TS Section 5.0, "Administrative Controls," to change the title of Shift Supervisor to Shift Manager and replace plant-specific titles with generic titles. This proposal also includes an Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) reference correction resulting from the USAR Rebaseline Project and a correction to the title of Shift Technical Advisor to Shift Technical Engineer.

Specifically, the proposed changes would revise:

1. TS 5.1.1 would be revised to replace the title "Plant Manager" with the generic title "plant manager."
2. TS 5.1.2 would be revised to replace the title "Shift Supervisor" with "Shift Manager" and the acronym "SS" with "SM."
3. TS 5.2.1.a, last sentence, would be revised to state: "These requirements, including the plant-specific titles of those personnel fulfilling the responsibilities of the positions delineated in these Technical Specifications, shall be documented in the USAR."
4. TS 5.2.1.b would be revised to replace the title "Plant Manager" with the generic title "plant manager."
5. TS 5.2.1.c would be revised to replace the title "Vice President - Nuclear" with the generic title "corporate officer with direct responsibility for the plant."
6. TS 5.2.2.d would be revised to replace the title "Shift Radiological Protection/Chemistry Technician" with the generic title "radiation protection technician."
7. TS 5.2.2.e would be revised to replace the title "Operations Supervisor" with the generic title "operations supervisor."

8. TS 5.2.2.f would be revised to replace the title "Shift Supervisor" with "Shift Manager" and the acronym "SS" with "SM."
9. TS 5.3.1 would be revised to replace the title "Shift Supervisor" with "Shift Manager," "Shift Technical Advisor" with "Shift Technical Engineer" and "Radiological Manager" with the generic title "radiological manager."
10. TS 5.5.1.c.2 would be revised to replace the title "Plant Manager" with the generic title "plant manager."
11. TS 5.5.5 would be revised to replace "USAR Section III-3.4" with the correct reference "USAR Section III-3.5."

## 2.0 REGULATORY EVALUATION

The proposed changes to TS Sections 5.1.2, 5.2.2.f, 5.3.1, and 5.5.5 are administrative in nature and as such do not have associated regulatory requirements or guidance.

10 CFR 50.36, Technical Specifications, states in paragraph 10 CFR 50.36(c)(5):

*"Administrative controls.* Administrative controls are the provisions related to organization and management, procedures, recordkeeping, review and audit, and reporting necessary to assure operation of the facility in a safe manner."

Proposed changes to TS 5.1.1, 5.2.1.a, 5.2.1.b, 5.2.1.c, 5.2.2.d, 5.2.2.e, 5.3.1, and 5.5.1.c.2, related the above paragraph, are also administrative in nature but have been previously reviewed and approved by the NRC via Technical Specification Task Force (TSTF)-65, Revision 1. TSTF-65 allows for use of generic titles in TS Section 5.0, "Administrative Controls."

## 3.0 TECHNICAL EVALUATION

The staff has reviewed the licensee's regulatory and technical analyses in support of its proposed license amendment which are described in Section 5.0 of the licensee's submittal. The detailed evaluation below will support the conclusion that: (1) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

The NRC approved a generic change in TSTF-65, to revise Section 5.0, "Administrative Controls," which allowed the use of the lower case generic personnel titles in lieu of plant-specific titles. The justification for the approved change was based on the fact that it does not eliminate any of the qualifications, responsibilities or requirements for these positions, since the plant-specific personnel titles are currently identified in licensee-controlled documents such as the USAR.

The NRC staff's review finds that the above proposed modifications of the TS Section 5.0, "Administrative Controls," are consistent with the NRC-approved TSTF-65, as discussed above.

Members of the plant staff assigned to these positions shall continue to meet or exceed the minimum qualifications of American National Standards Institute N-18.1-1971 or Regulatory Guide 1.8, Revision 2, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," dated April 1987, as required by TS 5.3.1. The plant-specific titles for these TS positions will be identified in the USAR. The proposed title changes are acceptable in that the title changes do not eliminate any of the qualifications, responsibilities or requirements for these positions. Therefore, the NRC staff finds that this amendment request is acceptable.

TS Section 5.5.5 incorrectly references Section III-3.4 of the Cooper USAR. The USAR Rebaseline Project, conducted, in part to develop consistency in numbering of USAR sections, revised the appropriate section from III-3.4 to III-3.5. Thus, the correct reference to the USAR in TS Section 5.5.5 is "USAR Section III-3.5." The NRC staff accepts this change since it is administrative, to ensure the correct reference is used in the CNS TS.

#### 4.0 STATE CONSULTATION

In accordance with the Commission's regulations, the Nebraska State official was notified of the proposed issuance of the amendment. The State official had comments.

#### 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The amendment changes administrative requirements with respect to installation or use of a facility component located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The NRC staff has determined that the amendment involves no significant increase in the amounts, and no significant change in the types, of any effluents that may be released offsite, and that there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission has previously issued a proposed finding that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, and there has been no public comment on such finding (68 FR 28854, dated May 27, 2003). The amendment also relates to changes in administrative procedures or requirements. Accordingly, the amendment meets 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 or environmental assessment need be prepared in connection with the issuance of the amendment.

#### 6.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission 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, (2) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations, and (3) the issuance of the amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

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