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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

July 11, 1979

Docket No. 50-286

Mr. George T. Berry, Executive Director
Power Authority of the State of New York
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Dear Mr. Berry:

The Commission has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 27 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-64 for the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3. This amendment consists of changes to the Technical Specifications in response to your application transmitted by letter dated April 12, 1979.

The amendment revises the Environmental Technical Specifications (ETS) to consolidate all references to thermal plume mapping into Section 4.1.1.a, which, in turn, refers to the conditions of the New York State Certification issued by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

The proposed change would permit substantial simplification of Section 4.1.1.a without changing the scope of the survey program as set forth in the ETS, resulting in elimination of duplicative regulation. Furthermore, this change would eliminate the need for future ETS changes to conform with any 401 Certification changes which might be made by DEC. You will, in accordance with the revised ETS, continue to provide us with all reports submitted to DEC concerning the thermal plume mapping program.

We find that your proposal to consolidate requirements for thermal plume mapping in one section of the ETS and to refer to the 401 Certification to be acceptable. The changes involved here are procedural treatment of non-safety related environmental monitoring programs.

Therefore, we have determined that the amendment does not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level, and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendment involves an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR §51.5(d)(4) that an environmental impact statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.

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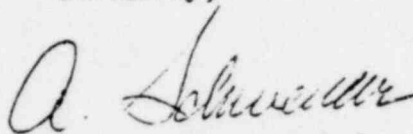
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Since the amendment applies only to procedural treatment of environmental monitoring programs, it does not involve significant new safety information of a type not considered by a previous Commission safety review of the facility. It does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident, does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, and therefore does not involve a significant hazards consideration. We have concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by this action.

A copy of the related Notice of Issuance is also enclosed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. Amendment No. 27 to DPR-64
2. Notice of Issuance

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