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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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LICENSEE: Combustion Engineering (CE)  
Windsor, Connecticut

SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT: AMENDMENT APPLICATION DATED OCTOBER 31, 1996, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF INTERIM STORAGE PERIOD

Background

By License SNM-1067, CE is authorized to store packaged low-level radioactive waste onsite for up to five years. By application dated October 31, 1996, CE requested that the period of time allowed for storage be increased from 5 years to 10 years.

Discussion

CE is authorized to store packaged low-level radioactive waste onsite for up to five years. CE uses this authorization to store the waste that was generated from the Atomic Energy Commission operations conducted at the Windsor site prior to licensed operations. CE currently possesses such waste material awaiting action by the Department of Energy (DOE) to determine disposition with CE. By application dated October 31, 1996, CE requested that the period of time allowed for interim storage be increased from 5 years to 10 years in order to accommodate these circumstances. In CE's request, only the allowed storage period would be changed, all other conditions of storage that are specified in the license would remain, including the provisions for monitoring, separation, container integrity and protection from the elements. The staff has reviewed the application and determined that CE's request is justifiable and that the present radiological protection program is adequate to ensure the continued integrity of the stored waste.

The conditions of the stored waste at Windsor site were recently examined by Region I and noted in an inspection report published on December 4, 1996, (070-1100/96-02). During that inspection, no violation was reported.

Categorical Exclusion

This amendment is one which is administrative and procedural in nature, and does not constitute a change in process operations or equipment. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c), neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor an Environmental Assessment is warranted for the proposed licensing action.

Conclusion/Recommendation

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's proposed amendment and has determined that the proposed change will have no adverse effect on public health and safety or the environment. Therefore, approval of the amendment application is recommended.

The Region I project inspector has no objection to the proposed amendment.

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