



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. R-88

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

DOCKET NO. 50-188

1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated August 15, 1996, Kansas State University (the licensee) requested that certain titles associated with the composition of the Reactor Safeguards Committee be changed to account for the merger of the Departments of Nuclear Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

2.0 EVALUATION

The Department of Nuclear Engineering and Mechanical Engineering have been merged and will be called the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering. The B.S. program in nuclear engineering will be offered as an option in the joint curriculum. The licensee plans to maintain the M.S. degree program in nuclear engineering and the Ph.D program in all engineering disciplines is offered collectively by the College of Engineering.

The former head of the Nuclear Engineering Department will be called the "Nuclear Engineering Program Director" and will administer the nuclear engineering educational program. The title of Chairman of the Reactor Safeguards Committee in Section H.2 of the Technical Specifications has been modified to reflect this change. Also, in Section H.2, the reference to the Department of Nuclear Engineering for the staff members has been changed to the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering to reflect the merger.

The staff finds that the composition and qualification of the Reactor Safeguards Committee are essentially the same as had been previously approved and the existing requirement that the Kansas State University faculty members be qualified in matters of reactor safety and operation assures that the Reactor Safeguards Committee will be staffed by qualified members.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment involves changes in the category of recordkeeping, reporting, and administrative procedures and requirements. Accordingly, this 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 this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

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

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