



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. TR-5

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

By letter dated January 17, 1997, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST or the licensee) formerly known as the National Bureau of Standards, proposed to amend the Technical Specifications (TS) for their 20 megawatt (mw) thermal test reactor located in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The TS changes would change the name of the organization that manages the reactor, and the research associated with it, from Reactor Radiation Division to NIST Center for Neutron Research. Also, it would change the position title from Chief, Reactor Radiation Division to Director, NIST Center for Neutron Research for the person in charge of this organization.

2.0 EVALUATION

The TS change is mainly a change in the name of the organization and title of the person that manages the organization. All functions, responsibilities, and personnel remain the same, and the staff finds this administrative change will not affect the operation of the reactor, and that it is acceptable.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

This amendment changes recordkeeping, reporting, or 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 this amendment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Commission made a proposed determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration which was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 8801) on February 26, 1997. No public comments were received.

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 (3) 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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