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SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION
CHANGE TO USAR TO ELIMINATE THE CORPORATE HEALTH PHYSICIST POSITION
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, ET AL.
PERRY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1
DOCKET NO. 50-440

1.0 Introduction

By letter dated December 4, 1996, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al., submitted a change to the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) which proposes an administrative change to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) quality assurance program. The proposed change eliminates the Corporate Health Physicist position as described in Chapter 17.2 of the USAR and transfers the attendant functions to a new position titled Radiological Assessor.

2.0 Evaluation

Chapter 17.2, "Quality Assurance During the Operations Phase," of the USAR describes the responsibilities and authorities of various positions having principal responsibilities associated with the implementation of the quality assurance program at PNPP. Specifically, the last paragraph of Section 17.2.1.3.2 of the quality assurance program in the USAR states that:

"The Corporate Health Physicist (CHP) reports to the Vice President, Nuclear - Perry. The function of the CHP is to provide health physics overview and evaluations of design and operational programs."

In their submittal, the licensee proposes to delete the above listed paragraph and to insert the following paragraph in Section 17.2.1.3.2.1 of the USAR:

"The Radiological Assessor reports to the General Manager, PNPPD [Perry Nuclear Power Plant Department]. The function of the Radiological Assessor is to provide health physics overview and evaluations of design and operational programs."

As a result of the NRC staff's review of the proposed change, it was determined that the functional requirements associated with the independent health physics overview and evaluation of the operational programs at PNPP continue to be satisfied. In particular, the functions performed by the newly created position of the Radiological Assessor including the proposed reporting relationship to the General Manager, continues to provide the necessary independence to carry out the required assessment activities.

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3.0 Conclusion

The NRC has reviewed the licensee's submittal dated, December 4, 1996, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a) and in accordance with NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Chapter 17.2, and determined that the changes to the USAR Sections 17.2.1.3.2 and 17.2.1.3.2.1 continue to satisfy the criteria of Appendix B of 10 CFR 50. Therefore, the changes are acceptable.

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