

change previous conclusions presented in the FES on occupational exposure.

The offsite exposure from releases during routine operations has been previously evaluated in section 5.9.1 of the FES. During the low-power license, the plant was restricted to no more than 5 percent of rated power and the generation of radioactivity at the plants was significantly smaller than would have occurred if the plants were at full-power operation. Therefore, the addition of approximately six to eight months of operation per plant that the licensee has requested does not change previous conclusions presented in the FES on annual public doses.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the FES [or more recently, the Environmental Impact Statement] for the PVNGS, Units 1, 2, and 3.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On July 3, 2003, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright, of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the

proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 28, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.

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Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance; Availability Correction

On June 6, 2003, the NRC published a Notice of Availability on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1121, “Guidelines for Categorizing Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Power Plants According to their Safety Significance,” that contained a number of errors. This Notice of Availability is being reprinted to correct these errors.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued for public comment a proposed guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. Regulatory guides are developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by

the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1121, which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1121, “Guidelines for Categorizing Structures, Systems, and Components in Nuclear Power Plants According to their Safety Significance,” is being developed to describe a process that is acceptable to the NRC staff for the development and assessment of evaluation models that may be used to comply with the NRC's regulations with respect to the categorization of structures, systems, and components that are considered in risk-informing special treatment requirements. This guide conforms to a proposed amendment to 10 CFR 50.69 that was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 26511) on May 16, 2003.

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments will be most helpful if received by August 1, 2003. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include the draft guide number (DG-1121) in the subject line of your comments. Comments on regulatory guides submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety on the NRC rulemaking Web site. Personal information will not be removed from your comments.

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E-mail comments to: NRCREP@nrc.gov. You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Address questions about our rulemaking Web site to Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. Address questions about the content of the draft guide to Mr. David Diec, (301) 415-2834; e-mail dtd@nrc.gov.

Hand deliver comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

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