

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353]

Peco Energy Company, Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-39 and NPF-85, issued to PECO Energy Company (the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Units 1 and 2, located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would clarify several administrative requirements, delete redundant administrative requirements, and correct typographical errors in the LGS, Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs) in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated September 27, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would provide clarity and administrative correctness to the TSs.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the changes to the TSs are administrative in nature.

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

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve 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.

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

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its state policy, on October 8, 1999, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Mr. David Ney of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The state official had no comment.

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 September 27, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publically available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the electronic reading room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2000.

For Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Letter of Agreement Between the U.S. Department of Interior Minerals Managements Service, Gulf of Mexico, OCS Region and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Concerning the Radiation Safety Inspections of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licensed Activities on Offshore Facilities and Laybarges in Federal Jurisdiction**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public of the issuance of a Letter of Agreement (LOA) between the U.S. Department of Interior Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The purpose of the LOA is to describe the cooperative agreement between MMS and NRC in ensuring the protection of the public health and safety and the environment from the hazards of radioactive materials that may be used on offshore facilities and laybarges in offshore waters under Federal jurisdiction. The LOA provides for air transportation arrangements of NRC inspectors to offshore facilities by MMS-contracted helicopters at no charge or exchange of services to NRC. The LOA also provides for licensed material orientation and radiation safety program training to MMS staff by NRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of all NRC documents are available for public inspection, and copying for a fee, in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC. The NRC Public Document Room is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). Telephone service is provided from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at 202-634-3273 or toll-free at 1-800-397-4209.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28 day of February, 2000.