

June 13, 2000

Mr. R. P. Powers
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE JUNE 5, 2000, D.C. COOK PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Mr. Powers:

On June 5, 2000, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public meeting at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Michigan. The meeting was held to discuss the results of the NRC Plant Performance Review (PPR) and Senior Management Meeting (SMM) processes and the status of the D.C. Cook restart and NRC Manual Chapter (MC) 0350 oversight inspections. Formal presentations were made by the NRC Regional Administrator and the American Electric Power Company (licensee) staff. Enclosure 1 is a list of attendees for the meeting, and Enclosure 2 is a copy of the slides used by the licensee.

The MC 0350 public meetings between your staff and the NRC staff are designed to provide a mechanism for the exchange of information and an update on the status of the readiness of the units at D.C. Cook to restart. Senior management from the NRC and your staff participated in the meetings.

Mr. James E. Dyer, the Region III Administrator, presented a summary of the results of the Plant Performance Review and Senior Management Meeting process, which are documented in letters to American Electric Power Company dated March 31, 2000, and May 23, 2000, respectively. Mr. Dyer stated that based on your performance during the time frame assessed by the PPR and the subsequent SMM, NRC senior managers determined that D.C. Cook should continue to be classified as an agency-focus plant.

Following Mr. Dyer's presentation, you and your staff presented the current status of restart readiness, including a summary of activities and findings developed by your independent oversight organizations. The D.C. Cook Site Vice President and the Plant Manager presented to the NRC staff the current status of restart performance indicators. Specifically, restart performance indicators for organizational, operations, systems and containment, programmatic, and regulatory readiness were discussed. All restart performance indicators reflected that the plant was ready for restart with the exception of 18 remaining Operational Mode 4 required items, and the completion of documentation related to 16 modifications. The D.C. Cook Site Vice President stated that in addition to being very close to meeting conditions which would allow for the plant to transition to Operational Mode 4, only a relatively small number of additional issues remain to be dispositioned prior to Operational Mode 2, and plant restart.

The Plant Manager then presented a summary of recent plant staff performance which supported his conclusions that plant staff were ready to support plant restart. The Plant Manager specifically addressed the actions being taken to address issues identified by the NRC Restart Readiness Assessment Team inspection, including work control and operator awareness. The NRC staff and your management team had extensive discussions regarding management and Performance Assurance oversight of control room activities and specific actions which were being taken to address work control coordination issues.

The Performance Assurance-Director, then presented a summary of key oversight activities performed by the Performance Assurance organization to assess the restart readiness of plant staff, equipment, and programs. In addition, following questions by the NRC staff, the Performance Assurance-Director summarized the planned oversight activities for restart including continuous control room observations during critical evolutions.

At the conclusion of the meeting, you summarized the major activities that had been performed by your staff to prepare for restart, including conduct of Expanded System Readiness Reviews, Functional Area and Programmatic Assessments, and internal assessments performed to confirm the effectiveness of corrective actions. In closing, you stated that with the exception of a few issues, the D.C. Cook plant and plant staff are ready to support restart. In addition, you affirmed that as the plant approaches restart and is subsequently restarted, you will continue to perform activities in a deliberate manner, and will stop, check, and adjust as necessary to ensure that the plant is operated in a safe manner.

Sincerely,

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John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316
License Nos. DPR-58; DPR-74

- Enclosures: 1. List of Meeting Attendees
2. Licensee's Slide Presentation

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NRC 0350 RESTART PANEL MEETING

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