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This Special Report 2000-1, Missed Surveillance Requirement, is being sent in accordance with the requirements of the UCD/MNRC Technical Specifications, Rev. 10, Section 6.7.2.(c).4. On June 14-16, 2000, the UCD/MNRC Nuclear Safety Committee performed their annual audit of UCD/MNRC operations. During this audit the Committee had the following finding: The UCD/MNRC Technical Specifications, Rev. 10, Table 3.2.2 and Section 4.2.2(e), require the pulse channel be tested monthly. The last monthly test of the pulse channel was done in March 2000. Therefore, the monthly channel test was missed from April 2000 to June 2000.

This situation resulted from the fact that the UCD/MNRC Technical Specifications, Rev. 11 (presently at the NRC for approval) requests the pulse channel be tested prior to its use, not on a monthly basis. This change in the Technical Specifications was made due to the frequency of the reactor being operated in the pulse mode. The last pulse operation was in June of 1999.

The misunderstanding was that, though Technical Specifications Rev. 11 allows channel testing to be done prior to use, the NRC has not yet approved this change to be implemented. This misunderstanding resulted in the surveillance requirement being dropped from the preventive maintenance schedule prematurely.

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No pulsing operations have been conducted since June 14,1999. Even with the missing of the monthly surveillance requirement there is still the requirement to test the pulse channel prior to use. Hence, no unsafe operation would or could have resulted from missing this requirement.

The preventative maintenance schedule was revised to include a monthly channel test of the pulse channel. This will ensure the surveillance requirement for the pulse channel is performed each month.

Sincerely



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