

November 2, 2000

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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2000, D.C. COOK PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Mr. Powers:

On October 30, 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 status of D.C. Cook Unit 1 restart activities, Performance Assurance oversight activities and results, licensing issues, and NRC Manual Chapter (MC) 0350 oversight inspection status. Formal presentations were made by 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 your staff.

The MC 0350 public meetings between the licensee and the NRC staff are designed to provide a mechanism for the exchange of information regarding the status of ongoing activities at D.C. Cook. Senior management from the NRC and the licensee participated in the meetings.

Your Restart Director presented to the NRC staff a summary of the status of Unit 1 restart activities. The major activities completed or ongoing are currently on or ahead of schedule. Examples included the second Train A and B electrical bus outages, ice condenser restoration activities, and motor-operated valve refurbishment activities. In addition, open vessel testing activities were completed successfully. Your Restart Director stated that based on current performance, the Unit 1 reactor will be refueled in mid-November, and Unit 1 may be ready to restart in early December 2000. The NRC staff and your management discussed differences between the Unit 2 restart effort and the current performance of Unit 1 restart activities. Your staff stated that the improved performance of Unit 1 restart activities was due to the increased maturity of the organization, improved problem solving techniques, and better team work within the site organization.

Your Restart Director and the Manager of Structural Engineering presented the current status of license issues. Discussions were held regarding Unit 1 containment structural issues and the current status of ongoing engineering evaluations. In reply to my questions regarding when the Unit 1 and Unit 2 containment structures will be returned to full conformance with design basis requirements, your staff stated that no commitment has been made to resolve the issues prior to the end of the next refueling outages. Your staff stated that they will continue a dialogue with the NRC regarding the status of repairs, and that a firm commitment can not be made since the extent of specific physical repairs, if any, has not yet been determined.

Your Performance Assurance Director then presented a summary of ongoing assessment activities including oversight of Unit 2 operations, and Unit 1 restart activities including ice condenser reload, and open vessel testing activities. Specific findings by the Performance Assurance group were discussed including operations personnel performance issues, maintenance pre-job briefing inadequacies, and engineering response to emergent issues. In addition, the Performance Assurance Director discussed programmatic issues recently identified by his staff, and corrective actions that were initiated to address the issues.

You then presented to the NRC staff a summary of recent major accomplishments, including continued good performance of Unit 2 and good progress in completing Unit 1 restart related activities. In closing, you stated that the focus of the restart effort is to safely complete restart required work, and assuring quality results.

The NRC staff then presented the current status of inspection activities and progress towards assessing the issues identified in the Unit 1 Restart Action Matrix. The NRC staff stated that several inspections are planned to assess the restart readiness of Unit 1, including a 10 CFR 50.59 and permanent modifications team inspection, and a restart readiness assessment team inspection.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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Enclosures: 1. List of Meeting Attendees
2. Licensee's Slide Presentation

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

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