

November 3, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Paul D. Kaufman, Leader
Special Inspection

FROM: Wayne D. Lanning, Director */RA/*
Division of Reactor Safety

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INSPECTION CHARTER - SEABROOK NUCLEAR
POWER STATION

A special inspection has been established to inspect and assess the "B" emergency diesel generator (EDG) failures and damage that occurred at Seabrook Nuclear Power Station between October 29 and November 1, 2000. The special inspection team will include:

Leader: P. Kaufman, Region, Senior Reactor Inspector, DRS
Members: F. Bower, Resident Inspector, DRP
J. Brand, Resident Inspector, DRP
T. Shedlosky, Senior Reactor Analyst, DRS

This special inspection is in response to notification, by telephone from the senior resident inspector, of the third test failure resulting in damage to the EDG on November 1. The basis for the special inspection is to monitor and assess the licensee's root cause evaluation and corrective actions, independently evaluate the risk significance of the EDG test failures, and determine possible generic implications.

The special inspection was initiated in accordance with NRC Management Directive 8.3 (draft), NRC Incident Investigation Program. The inspection will be performed in accordance with the guidance of Inspection Procedure 93812, Special Inspection. The report will be issued within 45 days following the exit for the inspection. If you have questions regarding the objectives of the attached charter, please contact Michele G. Evans at (610) 337-5224.

Attachment: Special Inspection Charter

Paul D. Kaufman

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Special Inspection Charter
Seabrook Nuclear Power Station
“B” Emergency Diesel Generator Damage During Testing

The objectives of the inspection are to determine the facts surrounding the damage which occurred during testing to the “B” Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) at Seabrook. Specifically, the team should:

1. Confirm the adequacy of the licensee’s investigation and root cause evaluation of the EDG test failures and damage.
2. Confirm the adequacy of the licensee’s corrective actions and extent of condition review for the EDG test failures and damage.
3. Independently evaluate the risk significance of the EDG test failures and damage and confirm adequacy of the licensee’s risk evaluation.
4. Determine possible generic implications associated with the EDG test failures and damage.
5. Document the inspection findings and conclusions in an inspection report within 45 days of the exit meeting for the inspection.