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SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY UNITS 1 AND 2, PROPOSED LICENSE AMENDMENT NOS. 212
AND 78 (TAC NOS. M90809 AND M90810)

Dear Mr. Cross:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the No Significant Hazards Evaluation (NSHE) which accompanied the subject submittal is unsatisfactory, and to request a revised NSHE be submitted.

On October 11, 1994, Duquesne Light Company submitted the subject amendment proposal for technical specification (TS) changes related to monitoring the quadrant power tilt ratio with power range neutron flux instrumentation. Attachment B to that submittal provided the NSHE (pages B-7 through B-12). We have reviewed that evaluation and find that an inadequate basis is provided for the conclusion that the change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident. While an excellent description of the changes has been provided, which would fit well into part A of Attachment B, there is little technical basis provided explaining why each of the changes does not significantly increase accident probability or consequences. The current TSs, of course, should be the reference point for the evaluation.

We usually include a licensee's evaluation in the notice published in the Federal Register (FR). Because the page costs of FR publication are quite high, you may wish to make an effort to edit your NSHE submittals to focus directly on the three questions of 10 CFR 50.92(c).

Our safety review of the amendment proposal is proceeding on schedule; however, prompt submittal of a satisfactory NSHE is needed to avoid delays in completing our review of the proposed license amendments.

Sincerely,

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