

From: Bruce Berson *RTU*
To: Jim Dyer *RTU*
Date: Thu, Nov 9, 2000 7:15 AM
Subject: Fwd: Corrective Actions for D.C. Cook Degraded CEQ Fan Room Wall

FYI, Jim. Recall that in our closure of this DPV you requested the 0350 Panel chair to firm up a corrective action schedule with the licensee and keep you informed. The attachments indicate that the licensee has not provided a schedule in recent correspondence to us and we have followed up with another letter to them requesting a schedule.

I hope the licensee is not trying to duck this one.

Bruce

→ Bruce

*I had ~ 2hr discussion
 w/ Bob Power on this.
 They were afraid to
 commit to a schedule.
 I think/hope we have
 come to a resolution
 acceptable to both sides.*

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From: Anton Vegel
To: Bruce Berson
Date: Wed, Nov 8, 2000 10:36 AM
Subject: Corrective Actions for D.C. Cook Degraded CEQ Fan Room Wall

Bruce

In a memo from the Regional Administrator to the 0350 Panel Chairman dated August 22, 2000, the Regional Administrator requested the MC 0350 panel to ensure that the licensee has a firm corrective action schedule to address the degraded CEQ fan room structural issues. In response to this request the D.C. Cook MC 0350 panel took the following actions:

1) During public meetings on September 27, and October 30, 2000, the panel discussed with licensee management the corrective action plan to address the degraded CEQ fan room structural issues. During both of these meetings the NRC staff emphasized expectations regarding the resolution of degraded and non-conforming conditions. Specifically, as stated in Generic Letter 91-18, "Information to Licensees Regarding NRC Inspection Manual Section on Resolution of Degraded and Non-Conforming Conditions," the panel emphasized to the licensee the guidance regarding the establishment of a time frame for the completion of corrective actions, and that corrective actions to remedy deficiencies should be taken as soon as practical, commensurate with the safety significance of a deficiency.

2) The MC 0350 panel reviewed a letter from M. W. Rencheck, Vice President Nuclear Engineering, dated October 15, 2000, regarding the resolution of containment structural issues at D. C. Cook. The MC 0350 panel noted that the letter did not specify when the issues will be fully resolved to return the containment structures to full conformance with the licensed design basis. As a result, in the attached letter dated November 3, 2000, the MC 0350 Chairman requested the licensee to provide additional clarification on the time frame for completion of corrective actions to address the containment structural issues.

CC: Dave Passehl, Geoffrey Grant

November 3, 2000

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CONTAINMENT STRUCTURAL ISSUES AT
DONALD C. COOK PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2

Dear Mr. Powers:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a letter from M. W. Rencheck, Vice President Nuclear Engineering, dated October 15, 2000, regarding the resolution of containment structural issues at D. C. Cook. D. C. Cook, Unit 2, started up in June 2000 with certain containment walls in a degraded, but operable condition, and you are proposing the same approach for similar deficiencies identified with the D. C. Cook Unit 1 containment walls. We have reviewed the letter and acknowledge the extensive efforts that are in progress or planned to resolve these issues. However, we noted that the letter did not specify when the issues will be fully resolved to return the containment structures to full conformance with the licensed design basis.

During the September 27, 2000, public meeting regarding this same topic, we communicated to your staff regulatory expectations regarding the resolution of non-conforming conditions. Specifically, as stated in Generic Letter 91-18, "Information to Licensees Regarding NRC Inspection Manual Section on Resolution of Degraded and Non-Conforming Conditions," the licensee must establish a time frame for completion of the corrective actions, and corrective actions to remedy deficiencies should be taken as soon as practical, commensurate with the safety significance of the deficiency. In addition, the NRC expects time frames longer than the next refueling outage to be explicitly justified by the licensee.

We noted that in your letter regarding the resolution of containment structural issues, your staff did not address a time frame for when identified containment structural issues will be resolved. This issue was also discussed during the October 30, 2000, public Manual Chapter 0350 meeting. Consistent with the guidance set forth in Generic Letter 91-18, I request further clarification on your time frame for completion of corrective actions to address the containment structural issues.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
 Division of Reactor Projects

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