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TO ALL OPERATING REACTOR LICENSEES, APPLICANTS FOR AN OPERATING LICENSE AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR COMBUSTION ENGINEERING PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING OWNERS' GROUP EMERGENCY PROCEDURES GUIDELINE PROGRAM (Generic Letter No. 83-09)

This letter provides preliminary acceptance of the CE Owners' Group (CEOG) Emergency Procedure Guidelines for implementation in plant specific emergency procedures and outlines our requirements for additional work in this area. The staff has identified technical and administrative issues which require timely resolution. We also require a program to manage future changes as the need is identified.

Our review has progressed to the point where we conclude that implementation of the guidelines should provide a greater assurance of operational safety than presently exists. Therefore, you should proceed with plant-specific implementation. We anticipate issuing an SER subsequent to our review of the CEOG formal submittal of CEN-152, "Combustion Engineering Emergency Procedure Guidelines," dated November 22, 1982. We anticipate that our SER will find CEN-152 acceptable. Both this conclusion and our conclusion that you should begin implementation of Emergency Procedure Guidelines into plant specific procedures are based on the judgment that no further major problems in the proposed guidelines are expected. Our conclusions are further based upon the assumption that the results from the NRC/CE Owners' meetings are reflected in the CEOG CEN-152 submittal. We suggest that the implementation program contain three elements:

- (1) Preparation of plant specific procedures based on the Emergency Procedure Guidelines referenced above and implementation of these procedures as outlined in Supplement 1 to NUREG-0737, transmitted by Generic Letter No. 82-33 dated December 17, 1982.
- (2) A program for the preparation of supplements to the generic guidelines or plant specific guidelines which cover changes, new equipment, or new knowledge and incorporation of these supplements into the procedures.
- (3) Completion of and improvements to the Emergency Procedure Guidelines (EPG) or plant specific procedures in the longer term.

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The prompt implementation of Step 1 will allow the benefits of the significant improvements you have achieved to be realized soon.

Step 2 refers to a program for guideline or procedure updates which will be generated as a matter of routine after the implementation. This essentially is a maintenance function.

Step 3 refers to a program for addressing those aspects of the guidelines and procedures where additional long term work may be needed, either in your emergency procedure program or a part of abnormal procedure updates. A listing and discussion of identified issues will be provided in the staff SER. It is anticipated that one or more of these areas will be resolved under TMI action item I.C.9.

Because the Emergency Procedure Guidelines must be dynamic in that changes must be made to reflect changes in equipment or new knowledge, we expect the CE Owners' Group or a similar coalition of utilities and vendors to accept responsibility for continued maintenance of the guidelines. Therefore, we have requested in the enclosed letter that the CE Owners' Group provide a description of the program for steps (2) and (3) above.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: *See jacket*
Letter to Mr. Wells
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