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**TO ALL LICENSEES OF OPERATING PLANTS, APPLICANTS FOR OPERATING LICENSES AND HOLDERS OF CONSTRUCTION PERMITS**

Gentlemen:

**SUBJECT: USE OF INPO SEE-IN PROGRAM (GENERIC LETTER NO. 82-04 )**

Item I.C.5 of the TMI Action Plan, requires licensees to develop procedures to assure that important operating experience originating both within and outside the utility organization is continually provided to operators and other personnel, and is incorporated into training and retraining programs. Accomplishing this task requires that a utility assure that all events that occur throughout the industry are screened to determine whether or not they are applicable to the utility's plant, and that those events which could be significant are evaluated for applicability to the utility's plant.

The initial screening process is a large undertaking involving several thousand event reports each year from the U. S. nuclear plants alone. Such an undertaking by any one utility is both expensive and demanding of resources.

In an effort to provide a mechanism for central collection and screening of all events from both U. S. and foreign nuclear plants, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) has established a Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN). The latest description of the SEE-IN program is provided in a January 1982 program description from INPO entitled "Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN)."

The NRC has now completed its review of the SEE-IN program and a recent letter to INPO (copy enclosed) endorses utility use of the program. As stated in the letter, use of SEE-IN will relieve individual nuclear plant operators and constructors of the necessity of setting up large staffs to obtain and screen the large volume of raw data pertaining to operational experience throughout the industry. The NRC believes that full participation in SEE-IN will enhance your ability to meet the intent of the procedures approved under TMI Action Plan Item I.C.5.

Participation in SEE-IN does not relieve a utility from taking those actions specific to the utility's nuclear unit which result from an evaluation of operational experiences. Each utility is still required to have an internal procedure for handling operational experience information, including the procedures necessary to assure that appropriate individuals are provided the results of evaluations and that recommendations for corrective action identified as a result of evaluation are translated into actions. The interface between SEE-IN and the functions and responsibilities of the utility necessary to satisfy the requirements of Item I.C.5 are discussed in Section 3 of the SEE-IN program description.

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The NRC believes that utilization of the SEE-IN program will result in the elimination of duplication which will occur if each utility attempts a separate evaluation of significant plant operation events. The centralization of this initial screening effort at INPO should result in a more efficient evaluation and will allow you to concentrate your efforts on evaluating the events that occur in your plant and those that are identified through SEE-IN as being applicable or potentially applicable to your plant.

The full potential of the SEE-IN program can be realized only if all utilities participate actively, both in furnishing event information to INPO and in taking corrective actions as necessary when potential problems have been identified as a result of INPO efforts. The SEE-IN program is acceptable to the staff with no additional review required. Your participation in the SEE-IN program is strongly encouraged.

Sincerely,

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