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Subject: Re: Hatch Denial of NCV - Additional information

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>>> Robert Schin 10/23/03 01:53PM >>> RIF  
Phil,

Thanks for the May 16, 2002 letter. I noticed that it states that one circumstance under which manual actions are allowed is:

- manual operation of normally operated manual switches and valves

Could locally manually turning switches to repower the battery chargers after a LOOP be in this category? (Hatch says they normally do this action after a LOOP.) Or does 'normally operated' exclude during accidents and transients?

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>>> Robert Schin 10/23/03 11:26AM >>> RIF  
Right. But have we communicated this to the nuclear industry by some other form than the words in Appendix R.? I ask because apparently many licensees have in the past made this error. So it must have come up before.

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>>> Robert Schin 10/23/03 11:09AM >>> RIF

Based on additional verbal information received today, Hatch contends that the local manual information in this record was deleted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, exemptions 5

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operator action, to place the battery chargers in service after a fire and loss of offsite power, is allowed by NRC regulations and does not need an exemption.

They base this on words in III.G.1, which states "One train of systems necessary to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions from either the control room or emergency control station(s) is free of fire damage." Hatch claims that the local manual actions are considered to be 'emergency control stations' as permitted by III.G.1.

Does the NRC have anything in writing stating that 'emergency control stations' are not applicable to III.G.2 fire areas?

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