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IE Information Notice No. 79-14

SAFETY CLASSIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL CABLE SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Summary:

The NRC inspection staff has found that in several cases, facilities under construction have not applied the pertinent quality assurance requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B to the design, procurement, and installation of cable trays and their support systems for Class IE electrical cables. This notice is being issued to all applicants for, and holders of construction permits, to remind them of the Commission's regulations on this subject.

Description of Circumstances:

1. In the Commission's Regulations for Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities - 10 CFR Part 50, Criterion 2 of Appendix A, states in part that "Structures, systems and components important to safety shall be designed to withstand the effects of....earthquakes....without loss of capability to perform their safety functions...."
2. The Commission's Regulations on Reactor Site Criteria, Part 100, Appendix A, define a "safe shutdown earthquake," (SSE) and generally identify the structures, systems and components which are required to remain functional during such an earthquake.
3. Regulatory Guide 1.29 "Seismic Design Classification" states in pertinent part:

"C.1. The following structures, systems and components of a nuclear power plant, including their foundations and supports (emphasis added) are designated as Seismic Category 1 and should be designed to withstand the effects of the SSE and remain functional. The pertinent quality assurance requirements of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50 should be applied to all activities affecting the safety related functions of these structures, systems and components."

"C1.q. The Class IE electric systems, including the auxiliary systems for the on-site electric power supplies, that provide the emergency electric power..."

No written response to this information notice is required. If you have questions regarding the matter, please contact the Director of the appropriate NRC Regional Office.

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Information Notice No.	Subject	Date Issued	Issued To
79-01	Bergen-Paterson Hydraulic Shock and Sway Arrestor	2/2/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL or a CP
79-02	Attempted Extortion - Low Enriched Uranium	2/2/79	All Fuel Facilities
79-03	Limitorque Valve Geared Limit Switch Lubricant	2/9/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL or a CP
79-04	Degradation of Engineered Safety Features	2/16/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL or a CP
79-05	Use of Improper Materials in Safety-Related Components	3/21/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL or CP
79-06	Stress Analysis of Safety-Related Piping	3/23/79	All Holders of Reactor OL or CP
79-07	Rupture of Radwaste Tanks	3/26/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL or CP
79-08	Interconnection of Contaminated Systems with Service Air Systems Used As the Source of Breathing Air	3/28/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL and Pu Processing fuel facilities
79-09	Spill of Radioactively Contaminated Resin	3/30/79	All power reactor facilities with an OL
79-10	Nonconforming Pipe Support Struts	4/16/79	All power reactor facilities with a CP