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License No. DPR-64

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
631 Park Avenue
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Dear Mr Smith:

This letter is provided in response to your letter concerning inspection 50-286/79-30 dated February 22, 1980, received at this office on February 27, 1980. In this letter in your Appendix A, notice of violation, you cited three areas of non compliance with NRC regulations.

The first item, Item A, cites non compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 71.54 with specific reference to the fact that our procedure for shipment of radioactive waste did not give sufficient detail on the manner for loading and closing of a shipping cask for this waste. Although the written procedure did address the manner of closure for the shipping cask it did not provide sufficient detail for an operator to do this in the correct manner. This procedure has been re-written to incorporate the necessary detail, and any future shipment will be performed using procedures which provide the necessary detail to allow for correct closure and packaging of materials. A special emphasis will be made in the future to assure that the necessary detail is provided in such procedures during review by the Plant Operating Review Committee.

The second item of non compliance, Item B addresses the fact that a safety evaluation in compliance with 10 CFR 50.59 was not completed for a modification to the liquid waste processing system. A detailed written procedure for operation of the modified liquid waste system was prepared and submitted to a 50.59 review. The actual modification itself had been reviewed and determined that a formal written evaluation was not necessary. Subsequent to your inspection a detailed 50.59 safety evaluation of the modification was completed and has been provided to your inspectors. Any further modification to this system will be provided with the necessary 50.59 reviews as addressed in our Administrative Procedure 12 on modifications.

A second instance of this same citation related to a failure to perform a detailed safety evaluation under the requirements of Administrative Procedure 12 for a problem concerning holdup tank capacity for liquid effluents in plant systems. A safety evaluation of this second matter is

being completed and reviewed by the Plant Operating Review Committee and is being provided to your inspectors for information. This safety evaluation has addressed all the items identified in a letter on this same subject to me from Boyce H. Grier dated February 8, 1980.

The last item of non compliance in your letter identified as C related to failure to provide a label on a container within the Radiation Area of the plant identifying it as containing radioactive material as required by 10 CFR 20.203. This package was labeled the same day of the inspection and instructions have been made to all health physics personnel to assure that any and all packages being used in the plant be properly labeled in the future.

We feel that the above actions have responded to your inspection and will provide the necessary assurance that these items of non compliance will not be repeated in the future.

Sincerely,


J.P. Bayne
Resident Manager

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cc: T. Rebelowski, Resident Inspector