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TITLE: Use of Hydro Nuclear Services Dry Active Waste Processing System

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MEMORANDUM FOR

John A. Jordan, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards
Region III

FROM:

James G. Partlow, Director
Division of Inspection Programs
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

SUBJECT:

USE OF HYDRO NUCLEAR SELF-CONTAINED WASTE PROCESSING SYSTEM

In response to your memorandum dated May 21, 1985, we need to point out one clarification. That is, that the NRC staff has not yet formally evaluated the Hydro Nuclear system. Our understanding is that Hydro Nuclear will submit a topical report to NRR for review in the near future. Upon completion of this review, we will send you a copy of the staff's review. In the meantime, our position is that if the equipment performs according to Hydro Nuclear's description, and is operated according to their instructions, we see no problem with licensee use. However, the licensee should contact NRR if he plans to dispose of any waste containing detectable amounts of radioactivity pursuant to 10 CFR 20.302.

We are continuing to pursue resolution of the generic concerns regarding surveys for contamination and hope to provide guidance to all regions in the very near future.

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James G. Partlow, Director
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MAY 21 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Partlow, Director
Division of Inspection Programs
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

FROM: J. A. Hind, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards, Region III

SUBJECT: USE OF HYDRO-NUCLEAR SERVICES DRY ACTIVE WASTE
PROCESSING SYSTEM

It is my understanding, based on recent telephone conversations between members of my staff and L. J. Cunningham of your staff, that your staff has evaluated the Hydro-Nuclear Services (HNS) Dry Active Waste Processing System and has concluded that the HNS system, when operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, can acceptably monitor potentially contaminated materials from nuclear power plants to meet the intent of the guidance provided in I.E. Circular No. 81-07 for control of radioactively contaminated material.

Based on your staff's evaluation, we anticipate notifying the D. C. Cook Nuclear Plant by May 31, 1985, that the use of the HNS system is acceptable to NRC, provided the system is operated properly. My staff will review the use of the HNS system to verify conformance to manufacturer's operating instructions. If our understanding of this matter is incorrect, please contact us before our anticipated notification date for the D. C. Cook plant.

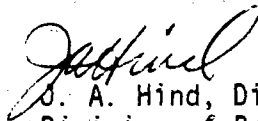
Mr. Cunningham communicated his position in this matter by memorandum dated May 17, 1985, which was addressed to L. R. Greger of my staff. My memorandum is intended to confirm proper management concurrence in this potentially sensitive area (i.e., control of radioactivity contaminated material generated at nuclear power plants).

James G. Partlow

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A related matter which still requires resolution is the acceptability of the use of "friskers" (e.g., HP-210 GM probes) for conducting release surveys of potentially radioactively contaminated materials. We hope this matter will be addressed soon and guidance provided to the regional inspection staff.



J. A. Hind, Director
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Attachment: Memorandum dtd 5/31/85
frm Cunningham to Greger

cc w/attach:
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MAY 17 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: L. R. Greger, Chief
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FROM: LeMoine J. Cunningham, Chief
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Office of Inspection and Enforcement

SUBJECT: USE OF HYDRO NUCLEAR SERVICES DRY ACTIVE WASTE
PROCESSING SYSTEM

This memorandum is in response to your recent telephoned request for a statement of our position regarding the use of the subject equipment.

We have no objections to the use of this equipment provided that it is properly operated, as intended by the manufacturer, and that all waste identified as containing detectable licensed material is disposed of as radioactive waste in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 20.301, thus meeting the intent of IE Circular No. 81-07.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeMoine J. Cunningham".

LeMoine J. Cunningham, Chief
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