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SUBJECT: Discusses necessary changes to ETS re annual release from
 neutralizing tank & fish impingement program.App B to Tech
 Specs should be completely deleted since State of WI has
 authority to regulate nonradioactive discharges from plant.

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Gentlemen:

Docket 50-305
Operating License DPR-43
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant
Environmental Technical Specifications

Environmental Specification (E.S.) 2.2.2 of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant's Technical Specifications states that the specification's objective is "to limit the total amount of solids discharged to the lake." To obtain this objective, the specification further states that:

"The total annual release from the neutralizing tank shall not exceed 325 tons of total solids."

In November of 1977 a modification was completed at the Kewaunee Plant which changed the flow path of the waste neutralizing tank discharge. That discharge is now directed to a settling pond and does not flow directly into the lake. Due to this modification the specification cited above does not apply.

We expect to surpass the annual limit of 325 tons of total solids discharged from the neutralizing tank this month. In that the objective of the Tech Spec as stated is to limit the total amount of solids discharged to the lake, this verbatim specification is inappropriate. This is to inform you of our conclusion that, based on the modification described above, surpassing 325 tons of total solids discharged from the waste neutralizing tank to the settling lagoons does not constitute a technical specification violation.

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Secondly, ES 4.1.1 describes a program to determine the effects of fish impingement on the traveling screens. That program was to continue through the end of 1978; however, we have continued the study and are currently still performing the collection of fish and data. That data has not changed significantly in the past two years. We feel that the objective of the study has been met and, therefore, these studies should be discontinued.

These two items are indicative of a more general problem which we feel is associated with our Environmental Technical Specifications. The State of Wisconsin has the authority to regulate non-radioactive discharges from the Kewaunee Plant; therefore, we believe that Appendix B to our Technical Specifications should be completely deleted. In the past, we have had conversations with members of the staff who have concurred with us in this matter; yet this issue has been left hanging. In an effort to resolve this issue, we will review this matter and submit proposed Technical Specifications with appropriate basis within a few months. Your prompt action on that submittal will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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