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Response to Industry Position on Severe Accident Management

- References:
- 1) Letter from Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) to NRC Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation dated November 21, 1994
  - 2) "SEVERE ACCIDENT ISSUE CLOSURE GUIDELINES", NEI 91-04 Revision 1, December 1994
  - 3) Letter from A.C. Thadani (NRC) to W.H. Rasin (NEI) dated June 20, 1994
  - 4) Letter from C. R. Steinhardt (WPSC) to NRC Document Control Desk dated December 1, 1992
  - 5) Letter from C. R. Steinhardt (WPSC) to NRC Document Control Desk dated June 28, 1994

This letter provides Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) commitment to implement the formal industry position on severe accident management for the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP). This position was approved by the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee (NSIAC) on November 4, 1994.

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That formal position, communicated in a letter dated November 21, 1994 (reference 1) states that:

*Each licensee will:*

*Assess current capabilities to respond to severe accident conditions using Section 5 of NEI 91-04, Revision 1, "Severe Accident Issue Closure Guidelines."*

*Implement appropriate improvements identified in the assessment, within the constraints of existing personnel and hardware, on a schedule to be determined by each licensee and communicated to the NRC, but in any event no later than December 31, 1998.*

WPSC will utilize the implementing guidance provided in NEI Report 91-04 (reference 2) for assessing and establishing severe accident guidance for KNPP. This guidance was accepted by the NRC staff in reference 3. WPSC intends to complete the assessment of severe accident management capabilities and make any identified enhancements by July 1, 1997.

This activity and implementing schedule is complementary to efforts completed by WPSC to address the Individual Plant Examinations (IPE) of internal and external events submitted in letters dated December 1, 1992 and June 28, 1994 (references 4 and 5).

Sincerely,



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