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SUBJECT: Describes change in Schedule B of plan for integrated scheduling of plant mods for facility. TS 3.4.7 re containment sys will be revised to clarify requirements on primary containment integrity.

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Integrated Plan Schedule B Change: Technical
Specification Improvements-Long Term
Enhancements

Reference: (1) Letter from D. Mineck (IELP) to T. Murley
(NRC), dated November 4, 1991, (NG-91-3266)
(2) Letter from D. Mineck (IELP) to T. Murley
(NRC), dated December 26, 1991, (NG-91-4028)

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Dear Dr. Murley:

This letter notifies the NRC of a change in Schedule B in accordance with Section V.B. of the "Plan for the Integrated Scheduling of Plant Modifications for the Duane Arnold Energy Center" (Integrated Plan). We have discussed this change with your staff.

Attachment 5 to Reference 1 identified individual items which are part of the Schedule B-IELP Initiative Item, Technical Specification Improvements-Long Term Enhancements. The scope of two of these items is being revised and the schedule for one of the two is also being revised.

The scope of changes to Technical Specification (TS) chapter 3/4.7, Containment Systems, was originally described as follows:

Simplifies the Containment Systems Chapter (3/4.7) to delete the section that duplicates the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J requirements. Adds Drywell pressure and temperature limits not currently in TS, as well as clarify other requirements on Oxygen Concentration and Containment Atmosphere Dilution System.

The above description was based on our initial review of an evaluation of the Duane Arnold Energy Center TS. We have subsequently determined that the original description of changes did not reflect the appropriate priorities for changes to the Containment Systems chapter. Therefore, we are revising the description of this item to the following:

Revises and reformats the Containment Systems Chapter

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(3/4.7) to clarify requirements on Primary Containment Integrity, Primary Containment Isolation Valves, Suppression Pool Level and Temperature, Containment Atmosphere Dilution and Oxygen Concentration. Adds Drywell Temperature limits and Secondary Containment Isolation Damper operability requirements.

Other changes included in the original description, including deletion of the section that duplicates the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J requirements and addition of a drywell pressure limit, require further evaluation on our part and will be scheduled at a later date. The scheduled date for submittal of the change to chapter 3/4.7 of the TS remains 03/31/92.

Attachment 5 to Reference 1 also listed items involving changes to the DAEC TS which would address the prohibition of a plant start-up with inoperable TS equipment (similar to Standard TS section 3.0.4) and require a plant shutdown when the plant is found in an unanalyzed condition (similar to Standard TS section 3.0.3). These changes were scheduled to be submitted to the NRC by 03/31/92 and 06/30/92, respectively. However, due to the similarity of these changes, we will incorporate them into a single submittal. The scheduled completion date for this change to the TS is 06/30/92. The revised scope and schedule of this change were described in Reference 2 and discussed with your staff at the NRC-IE Quarterly Management Meeting on February 7, 1992.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,


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