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SEVERE ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2 intends to implement the formal industry position on severe accident management approved by the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI's) Nuclear Strategic Issues Advisory Committee on November 4, 1994. That formal position, previously communicated in a letter dated November 21, 1994, from NEI to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, is as follows.

"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."

Based on previous interactions between NEI (i.e., formerly Nuclear Utilities Management and Resources Council) and the NRC, we understand that the NRC agrees with the need for licensee flexibility in their methods of assessing and establishing severe accident management guidance. Utilizing the associated implementing guidance contained in NEI Report 91-04, "Severe Accident Issue Closure Guidelines," Revision 1, we intend to complete the assessment of severe accident management capabilities and make any identified enhancements by December 1998.

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This implementation schedule is complementary to efforts currently underway at HBRSEP to address the individual plant examination of external events.

Please refer any questions regarding this submittal to Mr. K. R. Jury at (803) 857-1363.

Very truly yours,



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