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SUBJECT: Discusses NRC proposed radiation safety course for facility personnel.Basic certification may be adequate providing security & emergency training is received onsite.Requests addl info to determine adequacy of training.

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RE: Docket No. 50-220
Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station Unit #1

Dear Mr. Gammill:

The Radiation Safety Course you have proposed for training staff members in radiation safety may be adequate, but only if NRC personnel are escorted whenever they enter the restricted area. The general information included in this course outline may or may not be effective in increasing an individual's general knowledge, but it does not acquaint the individual with specific plant procedures. Since this is the area in which most misunderstanding occurs, we would require all NRC personnel to be escorted at all times they were within the restricted area.

For general site access, the basic certification may be adequate, providing security and emergency training is received on-site.

To assist us in determining the adequacy of the training, please provide the following to us:

- Detailed lesson content. For example, we must know what Radiation Protection Procedures (20 minutes), Respiratory Procedures (30 minutes) and Radiation Protection Guides (30 minutes) have been taught. This means virtually line-for-line course content to be provided for our review.

- An assessment of "safety training", which is to be supplied by the utility. Do you envision this to include specific plant radiological control procedures? If not, how would this information be imparted to the individual?

- The qualifications of the Oak Ridge institution staff. In particular, do the people presenting the course, and specifying course content, have nuclear power plant operating experience?

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If you can supply this information, and it meets our approval, then we can accept the proposed training. We prefer to consider it a pre-requisite to taking our standard training course, rather than a substitute for the training we must give anyway. At most, it would cut four hours off of our current 1 1/2 day training program, and would require an individual to be present for the appropriate portions of the sessions. The alternative, that is, provide a speical training course for NRC persnnel, places an unwarranted burden on us, the utility.

Very truly yours,

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