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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Clarification of Site Specific Fire Barrier Testing

Byron Station Units 1 and 2,
(NRC Docket Numbers 50-454 and 50-455) 5

Braidwood Station Units 1 and 2,
(NRC Docket Numbers 50-456 and 50-457)

Zion Station Units 1 and 2,
(NRC Dockets 50-295 and 50-304) 3

Dresden Station Units 2 and 3,
(NRC Dockets 50-237 and 50-249) 1

Quad Cities Station Units 1 and 2,
(NRC Dockets 50-254 and 50-265) 2

LaSalle County Station Units 1 and 2,
(NRC Dockets 50-373 and 50-374)

TAC NOS. M83846, M83847, M83853, M83854,
M83870, M83871, M83888, M83889, M83919,
M83920, M85626, and M85627.

- References:
- (1) Letter from C.Y. Shiraki to D.L. Farrar dated May 28, 1993.
 - (2) Letter from D.J. Chrzanowski to Dr. T.E. Murley dated April 16, 1993.

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the change in schedule for providing details on the plant specific test program for Thermo-Lag fire barriers. Reference (1) had requested that Commonwealth Edison (CECo) provide to the NRC, within 30 days of receipt, the schedule for site specific fire endurance testing of those Thermo-Lag fire barriers not bounded by the NUMARC industry program.

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It is CECO's understanding that the NRC has deferred the schedule for reporting the results of any the site-specific test program. The reporting requirements will now ask utilities to provide corrective action and schedule information for both NUMARC program fire barriers and site-specific program fire barriers within 30 days after completion of the NUMARC test program. This change is consistent with the information provided in a May 21, 1993 letter from William Rasin (NUMARC) to nuclear utilities and with the information provided to CECO in a June 17th tele-con with NRC staff.

Based on this information, CECO will be providing a discussion of any corrective actions and the schedule for restoring operability of affected NUMARC program and any site-specific program fire barriers within 30 after completion of the NUMARC program.

On another issue, Reference (1) stated a concern with the Generic Letter 92-08 response provided for Dresden and Quad Cities Stations in Reference (2). The statement in Reference (2);

"As stated in References (1) and (2), and acknowledged and accepted in Reference (4), Thermo-Lag has not been used at Dresden and Quad Cities Stations. This statement satisfies reporting requirement number 1 of the Generic Letter and no additional actions or responses are required, therefore CECO considers the Generic Letter 92-08 issue closed for Dresden and Quad Cities Stations."

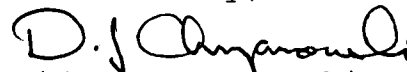
was intended to address Thermo-Lag specific issues for Dresden and Quad Cities. CECO regrets that it may have implied a close-out of fire barrier qualification in general. This was not our intent.

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CECo concurs with the staff's position that although there are no Thermo-Lag fire barriers installed at Dresden or Quad Cities, CECO is responsible for reviewing the content of Generic Letter 92-08 and for considering actions to ensure that similar problems do not exist with other fire barrier materials. CECO has included the review of other fire barrier systems in the scope of our barrier qualification project.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact me at (708) 663-7292.

Sincerely,



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