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Subject: Deletion of Commitment made in Licensee Event Report 50-249/96-001.

This correspondence is being submitted to inform the Staff of a change in a commitment made in LER 50-249/96-001, dated February 28, 1996. The subject LER reported an inadvertent start of the Unit 3 Diesel Generator due to personnel error. In the LER, we committed to install protective button covers for the Unit 2, 2/3 and 3 diesel generator local manual start pushbuttons.

The cause identified in the investigation of the event was determined to be personnel error due inadequate self-checking. This performance error was remedied by reiterating the responsibility of individual self-checking while performing duties. Additionally, enhancements were made by Operation management regarding the implementation of the Management By Walking Around (MBWA) program. The MBWA program was utilized to enhance supervisory oversight of field activities by focusing on the precursors that can lead to human performance errors. We believe these actions are adequate to address the cause of the event.

Subsequent to the event reported in the LER, further review of the supervisory oversight function identified further enhancements which would be appropriate to increase program effectiveness. Currently, the "Scorecard" Program has been implemented to monitor and reinforce behavior which promotes event-free operation regarding personnel and reactor safety. This process provides a better overview of task performance by tailoring the supervisory review documentation to the specific task.

After further review and evaluation, it has been determined that even though the protective covers would afford an enhancement, the modification to the panels would not be justifiable in regards to cost-benefit. The resources necessary for installation of the pushbuttons far exceed the benefit this modification would add to safety. It is our intention to not perform this modification to the emergency diesel generator's local manual start pushbuttons. Therefore, this commitment will be deleted.

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