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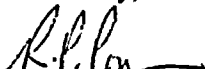
In accordance with the criteria established by 10CFR73, Appendix G, paragraph I(c) and 10CFR73.71(d), the following report is being submitted:

LER 315/99-S001-00, "Vulnerability in the Locking Mechanism of Four Vital Area Gates."

The following commitments were identified in this submittal:

- Gate repairs/modifications are being made to eliminate identified nonconforming conditions.
- Compensatory measures will remain in place until the gates are returned to operable.
- A new Operating Experience (OE) Program is being developed which will reside under the Regulatory Affairs Department. The ingredients of the program will include benchmarking from other utilities that have proven, effective OE programs and is intended to better utilize industry operating experience, including information notices.
- Security vital area access test procedures will be revised to incorporate appropriate steps for non-destructive testing of security systems such as gates.
- Security preventive maintenance procedures will be revised to incorporate steps intended to identify and correct degradation of barriers which could lead to vulnerability to tampering.

Sincerely,


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