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Dr. C. P. Tan
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Division of Systems Safety
Structural Engineering Branch
Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Request for Drawings and Information
On Mark II Concrete Containments

Reference: Letter From Dr. C. P. Tan to Dr. H. Chau
Dated, November 13, 1979 (Attached)

Dear Dr. Tan:

In response to the referenced letter for information on the La-Salle County Station, representatives of Commonwealth Edison Company have discussed this request with the NRC LaSalle County Project Manager. It was determined that this information is not required for the LaSalle County Station operating license review. In view of these considerations, Commonwealth Edison representatives have advised me they cannot commit the manpower required to respond to your request.

A similar request was made to the Zimmer Station at a meeting on December 5, 1979. Subsequent review by representatives of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company showed that it was not appropriate for the NRC to retain consultants to review the Zimmer project for application of SRSS to structural design. Since they have not requested the use of SRSS for structural application on the Zimmer Station, they therefore do not feel that it is reasonable to ask them to undertake expenditures of both financial and technical resources to this effort.

The Mark II Owners Group, including Commonwealth Edison Company and Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, have accepted the NRC criteria established in NUREG-0487 for combining responses using absolute sums for containment structures. Therefore, your investigation is also beyond the scope of current Mark II Owners Group programs. Since NRC approval is still pending on Mark II Owners use of SRSS for combining responses for design of systems, components and supports, it would be more prudent to resolve this outstanding concern with all its ramifications first before embarking on a new application area.

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In closing, the comments expressed here are not meant to be critical of NRC use of its limited resources. The minimal interest in engineering activities that have no direct bearing on the health and safety issues is primarily caused by the advanced construction state of many of the Mark II stations. We continue to urge prompt resolution of Mark II containment concerns which are more directly related to licensing of our plants.

Very truly yours,

H. Chau
Licensing Chairman
Mark II Owners Group

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Attachment

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