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> Re: Docket No. 50-133 License No. DPR-7

Dear Mr. Ippolito:

Enclosed is Attachment A which contains the additional information requested in your letter dated July 20, 1979, concerning IE Bulletin 79-08.

Very truly yours,

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ATTACHMENT A Response to Request for Additional Information Related to IE Bulletin 79-08

Introduction

A number of items in the request for additional information concern the schedule for action. Our original response states that "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit No. 3 has been out of service for seismic modifications and resolution of seismic and geologic issues. The changes in design and operating procedures discussed in this response will be completed prior to the time the Unit is returned to service." This represents the most definitive schedule commitment that can be made at this time.

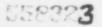
Item No. 2

- 1. We have reviewed all applicable operating and emergency operating procedures and have confirmed that containment isolation exists via a) normally closed values or b) is automatically initiated by engineered safeguards actuation or c) is manually initiated. This is true for all lines except those needed for safety features or cooling capability and the closed cooling water lines to the drywell air coolers which were identified as requiring manual isolation in previous submittal. (Refer to attached Table III-1, III-2 from our Technical Specifications.)
- As discussed in the Introduction, we have not prepared nor implemented the procedure change requiring the manual isolation of the closed cooling water lines to the drywell air coolers.
- 3. No other items related to Item No. 2 require action.

Item No. 4

1. The Humboldt Bay reactor has two types of level instrumentation; one system is manufactured by Yarway and the other by Bailey. The Yarway reactor water level instrumentation is utilized to initiate a reactor trip and reactor isolation upon reactor low water level signal. If reactor pressure is less than 150 psig, the reactor low water level signal also activates the core spray and low pressure core flooding systems. With coincident signals from high drywell pressure and loss of feedwater flow, low reactor water level will also initiate the reactor depressurization system (vent valves). The Bailey reactor water level instrumentation is util and to automatically or manually control the reactor water level via feedwater regulation during power operation. The Bailey system is not utilized for automatic actuation of the engineered safety systems.

The Yarway and Bailey level columns are attached to stilling wells which in turn are attached to the reactor vessel. The Bailey primary sensors are saturated level columns since the reference leg is maintained at saturation conditions by locating it inside the variable leg and insulating the entire column. The Yarway level sensors are designed to operate with the reference leg subcooled since the reference leg is designed to operate at drywell ambient



conditions (approximately 175°F) plus 56% of the difference between the drywell ambient and reactor saturation (563°F) temperatures. Since the Yarway system reference leg operates below saturation, i.e., subcooled, the reactor pressure could decrease to less than 250 psig before affecting the Yarway reference leg. The output from both the Bailey and Yarway level sensors is a differential pressure which is a direct function of the difference in height of the variable (reactor water level) and reference (constant) legs. The Bailey output is electronic and is converted to a pneumatic signal for use in the feedwater controls; therefore, all of the readouts for reactor water level (two indicators and one recorder), are dependent upon an electrical as well as pneumatic supply. The Yarways, which are completely electronic, are supplied with emergency power for reliability and have two separate control room reactor water level readouts.

2. Changes in reactor coolant inventory due to leaks would be detected by various automatically actuated signals and instrumentation. There are only three places where primary system lines are routed; these are the reactor drywell, the refueling building and the pipe tunnel.

If a primary system leak occurred in the drywell, it would be detected by an increase in the containment (drywell) pressure and temperature. The change in temperature would be detected by resistance temperature detectors whose readout is recorded in the control room and by thermocouples whose readout is indicated and alarmed in the control room. The increase in pressure would be indicated and alarmed in the control room and would result in a reactor trip and isolation if it reached the 2 psig setpoint. A primary system leak would also be detected by an increase in the drywell sump level. This sump is monitored by local instrumentation that is read each shift by the operator on his round. If the level increases by 50 gallons, it initiates two independent control room level alarm annunciators and must be manually drained by the operator using a low level interlocked, "deadman" switch. The frequency of sump draining is recorded and monitored by the operators and our operating procedures require that plant management be notified a) of any change in the rate of accumulation or b) if rate of accumulation exceeds 50 gallons per month, i.e,. one draining per month.

If primary system line or valve leakage were to occur in the pipe tunnel, it would be noticed by an increase in the area radiation, as indicated and alarmed by the pipe tunnel area radiation monitor, and by an increase in the temperature as noted by the mainsteam line break sensors which would trip and isolate the reactor following an increase of 30°F above normal ambient.

If primary system leakage were to occur in the refueling building or access shaft, the steam released would be detected by one or all of the following: 1) one of the eight radiation monitors in the refueling building and access shaft due to the radioactivity level increase, 2) by the moisture detector in the access shaft instrument vault, and/or 3) by actuation of the refueling building high differential pressure protection system which would isolate the isolation (emergency) condenser and the cleanup system.

In addition to the above described instrumentation, the reactor pressure, in conjunction with other indicators, can indicate a loss of reactor inventory. Our reactor safety valves and reactor vent valve discharge lines are monitored by temperature detectors to assist the operator in determining if leakage or actuation has occurred.

Item No. 5

1. See discussion in Introduction.

Item No. 6

- 1. In our present Cold Shutdown mode of operation, there are no requirements for valve alignment of engineered safety features. As discussed in the Introduction, we will conduct our Startup, Sealed Valve and Critical Sensor Check Lists prior to returning to power operation following our present outage.
- 2. During each refueling outage, each value in the plant engineered safety systems is exercised to verify that it is functional and is not in need of maintenance. Additionally, systems are cleared for other testing or maintenance. As a consequence, the Sealed Value and Critical Sensor Check Lists are utilized just prior to returning to power operation to insure proper availability and operation of an engineered safeguards feature or reactor safety system by physically verifying that all of the subject values are in proper alignment and then sealing them in the required position.
- 3. See response to Item 6.1 above.

Item No. 7

- 1. Refer to attached Table I.
- 2. Resetting of the engineered safety features instrumentation will not result in inadvertent transfer of radioactive gases and liquids outside of containment since none of the isolation or system valves, except those listed below, change position automatically upon resetting (by either manual or automatic methods).
 - Scram Dump Tank Drain Valve Any reactor trip will close the Α. drain valve. This valve cannot be re-opened unless: 1) the reactor trip signal resets and 2) the control room operator manually resets the reactor safety system. The second action is prevented administratively until a complete evaluation of the cause of the trip is conducted. Once reset, the scram dump tank drains to the reactor equipment drain tank (REDT) which is located inside the refueling building (secondary containment). Once released to the REDT, the liquid could be automatically pumped to the radwaste facility which is outside secondary containment since the REDT pumps are automatically started by high REDT level. An alternate flow path, such as proposed for the emergency condenser vent in our previous submittal, is not required because: 1) manual action is required to cause the transfer, 2) if the transfer were initiated, the operator can shut down the REDT pumps from the control room if excessive radioactivity is detected from the radiation monitors near the tank or located in the radwaste facility which indicate and alarm in the control room.
 - B. Suppression Pool Cooler Recirculation Valve If operating in the recirculation mode, any automatic actuation of the core spray system would cause closure of the valve. Manual resetting of the engineered safeguards initiation controls would cause the valve to return to the recirculation mode. This action would only cause a recirculation of radioactive liquid from the suppression chamber through the cooler and then back to the chamber so long as the core spray pumps continue to run.
 - C. Suppression Chamber Relief Line Isolation Valve This valve closes when drywell pressure increases to 2 psig. Once drywell pressure decays, the valve would re-open. This would not cause a transfer of radioactive gases because the vacuum relief valves would still be closed preventing a release to the refueling building.
- 3. In all cases, continued operability of the features designed to prevent inadvertent transfer of radioactive liquid or gases is assured by administrative controls, visual inspection during operator rounds, surveillance tests or some combination of these methods.

4. As discussed in the Introduction, we will install the alternate vent path for the emergency condenser prior to our return to Power Operation if the modification is determined to be desirable. During our evaluation of the alternate vent path, consideration will be given to high radiation interlocks, containment isolation signal desirability and the method for assuring continued operability.

Item No. 8

- 1. Operability of redundant safety-related components or systems is presently verified by surveillance testing conducted at the time of redundant system removal. If testing is not appropriate or is not deemed necessary, a visual inspection is conducted prior to clearance of the redundant component or system to assure operability of the remaining component or system. Our Technical Specifications and maintenance and operating procedures also require a demonstration of acceptable performance following any maintenance or testing activity if the function of the component or system could have been impaired.
- Our procedures require that the shift reactor operational personnel 2. not leave their posts until they have provided the on-coming personnel with a full report on station conditions. This includes, as appropriate: a) jobs or tests in progress, b) bypassed or jumpered features, c) cleared equipment, d) work planned for the upcoming shift, and e) any other unusual conditions. In addition, the relieving personnel are not permitted to take over their watch until they are fully aware of plant conditions. To aid the Shift Foreman during watch turnover, a "Shift Turnover Sheet" has been provided to remind the on-coming Shift Foreman of the various routine review requirements. It is also a convenient place for the off-going Shift Foreman to note the status of special operations; i.e., completed, in progress, or planned, which he feels are important enough to be reviewed by the next Shift Foreman. To assist the reactor operational personnel in determining the status of equipment, we are using an inoperable equipment log and a tagging system to insure that: 1) the OPERABILITY status of all equipment and any pending ACTION requirements are clearly understood, readily available to the shift operators and accurately transferred from shift to shift, 2) prior to a change in OPERATIONAL CONDITION, the required equipment is demonstrated to be OPERABLE by performing the surveillance requirements, and that once demonstrated OPERABLE, the equipment remains OPERABLE, and 3) equipment which becomes IN OPERABLE is properly demonstrated to be OPERABLE after corrective actions are complete.

Item No. 9

1. As described in the Introduction, our supplement to the existing reporting procedures for NRC notification will be revised prior to returning to Power Operation. The supplement will state that NRC notification is required "within one hour of the time the reactor is not in a controlled or expected condition of operation."

TABLE I Systems Designed To Transfer Radioactive Gases Or Liquids Outside

Of Containment

System	Isolation	Remarks
l. Main Steam Line ³	Automatic Isolation ¹	
2. Emergency Condenser ³	Automatic Isolation ²	A closed system that returns condensed steam to the reactor following high pressure initiation. Vent used as continuous bleed to remove non- condensible gases.
3. Clean Up ³	Auto Isolation ^{1 2}	A closed system that returns demineralized water to the reactor vessel. Continuous sample system that bleeds to main condenser.
4. Shutdown ³	Normally Isolated	A closed low pressure system used for decay heat removal during outages. Inlet valves opened on isolation scram with reactor pressure less than 150 psig to initiate Low Pressure Core Flooding.
5. Suppression Chamber Core Spray Suction	Normally Open	A closed low pressure system that takes suction on the suppression chamber and sprays water into the reactor vessel through normally closed motor operated valve. Pumps start, core spray valve opens, and recirc. valve closes on isolation scram with reactor pressure less than 150 psig.
6. Control Rod Drive Scram ³	Automatic Isolation by all trips	Refer to Item 7.2.A.
7. Drywell Purge	Normally Isolated	System can be used to vent excess pressure off through normally closed remote manually operated solenoid valves to the gas treatment system.
8. Suppression Chamber Gas Treatment Suction	Normally Isolated	System can be used to vent excess pressure off through normally closed remote manually operated solenoid valves to the gas treatment system.

	Table I (Cont'd)			
System	Isolation	Remarks		
9. Drywell Lower Head Drain	Normally Isolated	Fifty gallons can be drained from 300 gallon sump to reactor equipment drain tank by opening manual valve solenoid valve operated by a local deadman pushbutton. Solenoid valve closes when released or when low level set- point is reached.	**.	

- NOTE: 1 Automatic Isolation occurs following initiation of any of the following sensors: 1) Reactor Water Low Level, 2) Drywell High Pressure, 3) Main Steam Line Break (in pipe tunnel), 4) Loss of Potential to the 115 volt A-C preferred busses, 5) Remote Manual Scram.
- NOTE: 2 Automatic Isolation occurs if refueling building differential pressure increases to 3.0±3 inches of water.
- NOTE: 3 These liquid systems have normally closed and sealed vents and drains that can be utilized for transfer of contaminated liquids to the radwaste facility.

TABLE 111-1 DEWELL PENETRATIONS

Paralialian Punclian	Baba	Rismeter	Type of Cinewice and Seal	Position During Proof Organism (1)
Kain stem line	1	24 inch	Two 12 inch motor operated isolation	Open (2)
Emergency condenser steam supply line	1	16 Inch	welves Two 6 inch motor operated isolation	Open ())
		12 fach	welves One 4 tach motor operated and one 4 inch	Closed (Opens automatically on
Emergency condenser return line			check isolation walve	high reactor pressure) (3)(6)
Liquid pelson injection line	1	& Luch	Two 2 inch check isolation values	Closed (Open during polison injection
Mydraulic supply pump dump lime	1	6 inch	Two 1 inch check isolation valves	Open
Control rod lask-off line	1	6 Inck	Two 1 inch check isolation valves	Closed (Open during control roc ' Bovement)
Feedwater line	1	PO Inch	One 8 inch motor operated and one 8 inch chuck isolation value	Open
Beatter head flange inner seal leak detection line	1	6 Inch	One 1 inch menual and two 37 inch solated isolation values	Manuel value open. Sciencid values one closed, one open (5)
Coolast cleanup supply line	1	# inch	Theo 2 inch motor operated isolation values	Open (2) (3)
Coolast classup return line	8	10 inch	One 2 inch motor operated and one 2 inch eback isolation value	Down (2) (3)
Control rod hydraulic lines		24 fach	Blind flange and gasket	Closed
Incore flux monitor calibration thimbles	1	6 inch	Eight closed thimbles and a check valve to the dry well terminate in a flange plate at the penetration. A 4 inch manual taplation valve is mounted on flange. A 1/2 inch manual test walve commerts to the body of the isolation valve between the walve gate and the flange	Closed (Open during flux wire irradiation)
Maartor watet sample line had test commactions	•	á inch	Two 1 inch menual isolation values on each line. One line contains a 1/2 inch solanoid walve which connects to the control rod hy- draulic system pressure sensing line and a 1/2 inch deadman solenoid value which con- merts to a reactor water sample station or to the low pressure connection of the down- comer manometer. The second line contains a 1/2 inch deadman solenoid value which com- mects to the high pressure connection of the downcomer manometer. The remaining two lines are for future use.	meeting to other systems open. Solenoid value om reactor praa- sure sensing line open (3). Deadman solenoid values open dur ing sempling or testing. Manual values in future use line
Access opening, top	1	14 feet	Flamped and double "O" ring seal	Closed
Bester went valve control line	1	á inch	Four six supply lines, each with a $1/2$ inch manual and a $1/2$ inch 3-way solenoid operated isolation value. A $1 1/2$ inch test connection with a $1 1/2$ inch manual weits and cap, and a $1/4$ inch test con- mettion with a $1/4$ inch test con- mettion with a $1/4$ inch value and cap connect into the 4 inch line	Manual walves on sir supply lines open. Solsnold walves clused (5). Manual valves in test connections closed.
Reactor extension teak overflow	1	4 inch	Blind flange	Closed
feripheral control rod hydraulic limes	1	14 inch	Welded into pipe cap	Closed
bry well purge air supply line	1	3 fach	Two 8 inch manual isolation values	Closed (6)
Dautdows cooling supply line		18 inch	Two A inch motor operated isolation values	Cloand (Opens eutomatically if low pressure core finoding is initiated when pressure is below 150 psig) (4)
Dutdown cooling return line	'1	18 inch	One 8 lack motor operated and one 8 inch theck isolation value	Closed (4)
lasttor pressurs control line	1	6 inch	One 1 inch manual and one 1/2 inch solenoid operated inclution value	Open (5)
natrument lines connecting to the reactor essel	•	6 inch	One 1 Inch warwal and one 1/2 inch selenoid operated isolation velve on	Open (5)
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TABLE 111-1 DRY WELL PENETRATIONS (Cont.)

Penetration Punction	Pumber	Diameter	Type of Closure and Seal	Position During Power Operation (1)
Bry well water level tap (went pipe elevation)	3	2 inch	Two level instruments	Closed System
Byy well-cooling water lines	*	1 1/7 inch	One 2 inch air operated isolation valve un supply and return headers. One 1 inch menual valve on each line.	Open (5)
Access opening, bottom	1 .	6 fest	Flanged and double "O" ring seal	Closed
Continuous lask rate monitoring system penetration (Mitrogen fill line)	4	3/4 inch	One 3/4 inch manual and one 3/4 inch air operated value	Manuel walve open. Air operaised walve opens on dry well low pressure.
Continuous leak rate monitoring system prassure sensing line	а 	1/2 inch	One 1/2 inch menual valve. One 1/2 inch desdman solenoid plus one 1/2 inch menual valve in manometer line. Pressure trans- mitter on other brench is closed system.	Desdman spienoid and menusi walve in manameter line closed except when taking readings
Reactor safety values went lines to suppression pool	*	10 inch	Safaty walves	
Bry well pressure tap	1	1 inch	Pressure inclrument	Closed system
Core spray and post-incident cooling supply line	1	8 inch	One 3 inch motor operated and one 3 inch check isolation walve	Closed (Opens automatically if core spray is initiated) (6)
Vacuum breaker line to suppression chamber	1	20 inch	Two 14 inch vacuum braakars in parallel in the line	•
Fry well went lines to suppression pool		40 inch		·
Bry well air space sample line	1	1/2 Luch	One 1/2 inch manual isolation walve and pipe cap	Closed (Open during dry well air space sampling)
Bosetor based flange outer seal leak detector line	1	1/2 inch	One 1/2 inch manual and one 1/2 inch solanoid operated isolation walve	Closed (5)
<pre>r wall purme suction and wenting lines</pre>	1	# inch	Two 8 inch manual isolation values, and one 1 inch manual and two 2 inch solenoid operated isolation values on bypass line	8 inch waives: Closed (6) 1 inch manual velve: Open 2 inch sciencid valves: Closed (Open during dry wall wanting)
Dry well lower head drain line and dry well lower head water level indicators	2	3 inch	Two 1 inch mapual and one 1 inch solenoid operated valve on drain lime. Three lavel instruments.	Drain line valves closed (Open during dry well draining (8) Closed system
Electrical leads	5	24 inch	Blind flange and gasket	Closed
Safety welve discharge line vacuum breakers	1	1 inch	Three 1 inch check valves in parallel	

Notes: (1) Isolation valves which are listed is closed may be opened under the conditions moted. Isolation valves which are listed as open may be closed under certain conditions.

- (2) Automatic closure on reactor low water level, dry well high pressure, main steam line break, or low voltege on 115 volt preferred a-c busses (safety system power supply).
- (3) Autometic closure on Refueling Building high differential pressure. "
- (4) Can be opened manually during reactor "cool down" when pressure is below 120 psig. Automatic closure when reactor pressure reaches 135 psig.
- (5) Remote manual closure.
- (6) Valve opening annunciated in the control room.
- (7) If sample systems are added in future, a remote manual solenoid valve will be added. Walves will then be open during sampling.
- (8) Solenoid value opened from local pushbutton station. Value automatically closes to maintain water seal in drain line or when pushbuttom is released.

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TABLE SIT-2 SUPPRESSION CHANGES PENETRATIONS

Penetistion Punction	Banber	Diemeter	Type of Closure and Sgal	Position During Progr Optistic
		30 inch	Flanged and double gasheted manhales	Closed
Access openings Byy well went lines to the suppression		40 Such		김 승규는 것
chamber Beactor safety walve discharge lines		10 isch	Befety valves	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Nescum Sreaker line from dry well	2	20 Inch	Two 16 inch vacuum breakars in parallel im the line	에서 가격을 감
Pool bottom core spray pump suction lines	2.	3 inch	Que 4 Inch memuel welve	Open
Pool mormal core spray pump suction line	3	3 inch	One 6 inch manual walve	Open
Pool water level instrument lines	2	2 inch	Level instruments	Closed system
Chamber presoure instrument line	1	1 inch	Pressure instrument	Closed system
Chamber gas treatment suction line	'n	4 Inch	Two 4 inch manual isolation valwes, and more 1-1/2 inch manual and two 1-1/2 inch solanoid operated isolation valwas on bypass line.	6 inch valwes: closed 1-1/2 inch manual valve: open 1-1/2 inch sciencid valves closed (open during venting)
Chamber vacuum relief line		6 inch	One & inch air operated isolation valwe followed by two & inch vacuum relief valves	Air operated value open (slosed on high dry well pressure)
Shutdown system drain lines	2	1 inch	Two 1 inch check isolation values, one 1 inch manual value	Closed (rpen when draining shutdown every)
Pool water make-up and suppression cooler return line	. 1	3 inch	Monual isolation walve in each of the three lines which enter this line. Air operated walve in cooler return line.	Make-up lines manual values closed (o-on when adding water to pool). Conler return line air operated value closed (open when cooling pool water)
Continuous leak rate monitoring system penatration (Mitrogan fill line)	ĩ	3/4 inch	One 3/4 inch manual and one 3/4 inch air operated valve.	Nenual value open, eir operated value closed (opena en toe superareto, chember pressure)
Continuous leak rate monitoring system pressure sensing line	x	1/2 inch	One 1/2 inch menual valve. One 1/2 Inch deadman solenoid plus one 1/2 Inch manual valve in menometer line Pressure transmitter in other branch is closed system	Deadman solenoid and manual waive in manometer lins closed except when taking readings
Pool temperature instrument line	1	1 inch	The rmove 11	Closed system
Spare	1	6 inch	Welded cap	Closed
Spare	1	3 inch	Welded cap	Closed
8pare	1	2 inch	Welded cap	Closed .
kesk rate reference chamber	1	14 inch	Blind flanged	Closed

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