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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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T. Ippolito, Chief, Operating Reactors Branch #3, DOR  
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R. Vollmer, Assistant Director for Systematic Evaluation  
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SUBJECT: FIRE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES

We have recently reviewed the status of the implementation schedules for fire protection modifications. Some of the licensees have been requesting slippages and we have granted them. As you know, the schedule for completion of all fire protection modifications that was given to the Commissioners was October 1980. By their Memorandum and Order in the matter of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Petition for Emergency and Remedial Action, dated April 13, 1978, the Commission directed the staff to use their best efforts to maintain this schedule, and also directed that the Commission be advised if any slippage is anticipated, along with the suggested corrective actions.

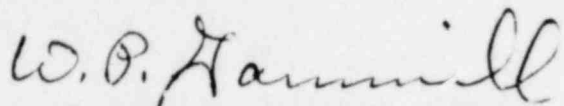
All the PM's who still have to issue the license amendment and fire protection SER for their plants should keep this October 1980 date in mind when getting the schedules for completion dates. All the PM's who have already issued the fire protection amendment should check their completion dates. If all of the dates are prior to October 1980, send the licensee sample letter #1 to forestall as much as possible any requested slippages. If any dates fall after October 1980, send the licensee sample letter #2 to encourage their best efforts for improvements of the schedule.

If a licensee has made late submittals in the past, the PM should add a paragraph to the letter which points this out to the licensee and admonishes them to meet all submittal schedules in the future. These letters should be issued within the next two weeks.

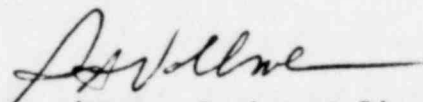
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The sample letters are on Vydec Tape #1 (for Tape see Donna Nottingham).  
If you have any questions, contact Tom Wambach, X-27038.



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Enclosure:  
As stated

cc: G. Lainas  
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T. Wambach



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SAMPLE LETTER #1

Licensee:

Gentlemen:

In May 1976, we issued guidelines reflecting the NRC's policy regarding the implementation of General Design Criterion 3 - Fire Protection. Since that time, you have performed a fire hazards analysis for your facility and have compared its fire protection program with the NRC guidelines.

In late 1976, we set October 1980 as the date for completing the implementation of all modifications associated with this program. This implementation schedule recognized that such modifications should be completed as soon as practical, with due consideration of the nature of the modifications. For example, minor modifications, adoption of administrative controls and additional portable equipment would be completed within six months; however, major modifications would require a year or more to complete and some modifications would be coordinated with refueling outages.

By their Memorandum and Order in the matter of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Petition for Emergency and Remedial Action, dated April 13, 1978, the Commission directed the staff to use their best efforts to maintain this schedule, and also directed that the Commission be advised if any slippage is anticipated, along with suggested corrective actions.

We urge you to apply your best efforts to maintain your schedules for completion of all of the fire protection modifications at your facility (ies) and to submit, on an expedited basis, any information that is still outstanding with regard to open items and required design details.

Sincerely,

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D. Eisenhut, Acting Director  
Division of Operating Reactors  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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SAMPLE LETTER #2

Licensee:

Gentlemen:

In May 1976, we issued guidelines reflecting the NRC's policy regarding the implementation of General Design Criterion 3 - Fire Protection. Since that time, you have performed a fire hazards analysis for your facility and have compared its fire protection program with the NRC guidelines.

In late 1976, we set October 1980 as the date for completing the implementation of all modifications associated with this program. This implementation schedule recognized that such modifications should be completed as soon as practical, with due consideration of the nature of the modifications. For example, minor modifications, adoption of administrative controls and additional portable equipment would be completed within six months; however, major modifications would require a year or more to complete and some modifications would be coordinated with refueling outages.

By their Memorandum and Order in the matter of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Petition for Emergency and Remedial Action, dated April 13, 1978, the Commission directed the staff to use their best efforts to maintain this schedule, and also directed that the Commission be advised if any slippage is anticipated, along with suggested corrective actions.

We urge you to apply your best efforts to improve your schedules for completion of as many of the fire protection modifications at your facility as possible prior to October 1980 and to submit on an expedited basis any information that is still outstanding with regard to open items and required design details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Eisenhut".

D. Eisenhut, Acting Director  
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