



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
799 ROOSEVELT ROAD
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS 60137

SEP 17 1979

Docket No. 50-409

Dairyland Power Cooperative
ATTN: Mr. F. W. Linder
General Manager
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Gentlemen:

This refers to Reportable Occurrence No. 79-16, dated September 10, 1979 concerning the failure in administrative controls which permitted the low flow scram protection circuit to be bypassed during startup and low power operation between September 7, 1979 and September 9, 1979.

We understand based on commitments made during our investigation of this incident on September 11 and 12, 1979, that you will take the following actions:

1. Before the next reactor startup:
 - a. Develop and implement startup checklists requiring operator sign off on procedural steps and include a "hold point" requiring the Shift Supervisor's approval and sign off before initiation of control rod withdrawal.
 - b. Revise Administrative Control Procedure, ACP 02.3, to:
 - (1) Require the Reactor Plant Log to be initialed by each operator indicating that he has reviewed the plant status;
 - (2) Require that the status of safety circuit bypass keys be recorded in the Reactor Plant Log by system name rather than key number.
2. Before the next safety circuit surveillance test, review and revise as necessary the test procedures and checklists to require the return to normal of any safety circuits bypassed during the test.
3. Conduct operator training to reemphasize the safety significance of safety circuit bypass and the importance of double checking the status of safety equipment.

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If our understanding of your planned action, as described above, is not in accordance with your actual plans and actions, please contact this office immediately.

Sincerely,


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Director

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