

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Harold L. Fries
Director of Regulation

FROM : Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

SUBJECT: STATUS OF METROPOLITAN EDISON REVIEW - DOCKET 50-109

DATE: ~~APR~~ 11 1968

After discussions with us and the applicant at the March 7, 1968 ACRS meeting, the Committee stated that it was unable to write a letter since the staff was not prepared to take a final position on the acceptability of the aircraft crash analysis. We had stated that the applicant wanted a letter and that we would recommend issuance of a letter if the Committee would leave final resolution of the problem to the staff.

Three aspects of our review were incomplete: (1) the deceleration rate, impact velocity and aircraft weight assumed by the applicant have not been verified, (2) we have not convinced ourselves that proper fire protection measures have been proposed, and (3) confirmatory statistical and debris distribution information have not yet been received from the Bureau of Safety, National Transportation Safety Board.

We plan to confer further with the FAA and NTSB and with consultants in structural design, aircraft impact response and fire protection design. The applicant may be requested to perform additional analytical work in these areas. We will attempt to complete our review in time for the April ACRS meeting.

It is our understanding that the applicant proposes to proceed with the current schedule for a prehearing conference and a hearing, but to save the aircraft crash topic until a later hearing. The actual procedure for accomplishing this is being worked out with the General Counsel's Office. The advantages sought by the applicant by this procedure are an early date for terminating the period during which petitions for intervention might be filed and an earlier date for issuance of a construction permit than would be possible if the hearing were postponed.

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