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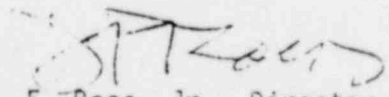
Dear Mr. Liebler:

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC INITIATION OF AUXILIARY FEEDWATER FLOW

As you know, the Bulletins and Orders Task Force has lead responsibility for some of the "Lessons Learned Short-Term Requirements" contained in the Denton letter of October 30, 1979 to "All Operating Nuclear Power Plants." One such item is Recommendation 2.1.7a, "Auto Initiation of the Auxiliary Feedwater System." In reviewing the licensees' responses to this item, we find that the responses range from full conformance with the recommendation to outright disagreement with a statement to the effect that the licensee's justification for said position would be forthcoming. In between these two extremes, Baltimore Gas and Electric proposes to start the Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 auxiliary feedwater pumps automatically; however, the feedwater regulating control valves will not be opened automatically. Thus, automatic initiation of auxiliary feedwater flow is not being implemented. In this particular case, Baltimore Gas and Electric states that automatic initiation of auxiliary feedwater flow would involve an unreviewed safety question.

In light of the wide disparity in responses to this item, which we believe should be generic in nature, and in consideration of whether or not the automatic initiation of auxiliary feedwater flow would involve an unreviewed safety question as stated by Baltimore Gas and Electric, we are planning to convene a C-E Owners' Group meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to: (1) afford those licensees not fully complying with the positions contained in Recommendation 2.1.7a an opportunity to present their views and the results of their analyses in this matter, (2) determine the degree to which this item is generic, and (3) ascertain whether an unreviewed safety question is involved. A meeting notice and proposed agenda providing the particulars of the meeting will be forthcoming by separate correspondence.

Sincerely,


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