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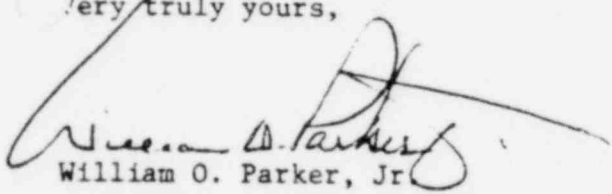
Re: IE:II:CEA
50-269/77-3
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Dear Mr. Moseley:

With regard to your letter of April 7, 1977, Duke Power Company does not consider information contained in IE Inspection Report 50-269, -270, -287/77-3 to be proprietary.

Please find attached our response to Items 1.A and 1.B.

Very truly yours,



William O. Parker, Jr.

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ITEM 1A

Contrary to the requirements of Criterion V of Appendix B to 10CFR50 as implemented by Section 17.2.5 of the DPC QA Topical Report, maintenance performed on January 2, 1977, on containment isolation valve 3RC-7 was not in accordance with the approved work request as specified in Section 3.3.2.3 of the Administrative Policy Manual and Station Directive 3.3.5 which resulted in post-maintenance testing not being performed. Unit 1 only.

RESPONSE

This item was previously reported on February 15, 1977 in Reportable Occurrence Report RO-287/77-1. The corrective action identified in this report, which included the review of this incident with appropriate personnel, has been completed. Special emphasis was placed on the necessity of following maintenance procedures properly and the fact that Engineered Safeguards (ES) equipment must be verified operable after maintenance.

In addition, all maintenance procedures dealing with ES valves have been revised to include a sign off step which requires verification of operability after maintenance. This corrective action should eliminate occurrences of this type in the future.

ITEM 1B

Contrary to the requirements of Technical Specification 6.4.1, the station was not operated and maintained in accordance with approved radiation control procedures, in that on March 9, 1977, radioactively contaminated trash was found in unlabeled containers and contaminated materials were found outside of a Radiation Control Zone without the required warning tags.

RESPONSE

The failure to use labeled waste containers and the failure to properly label contaminated materials resulted from a coordination inadequacy between the janitorial service and Health Physics when transportation problems developed which prevented the janitorial service from immediately removing the contaminated waste from the area. The waste was properly marked on March 9, 1977, and was removed from the Turbine Building basement the morning of March 10, 1977 prior to the NRC inspector's leaving the site.

This item has been reviewed with all personnel in the surveillance unit of Health Physics to assure that they understand how radioactive waste should be handled under similar circumstances. In addition, the entire Health Physics section is in the process of reviewing all health physics practices and procedures to verify understanding of the procedures and their applicability to the work being done. It is anticipated that this action will prevent future occurrences of this type.