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DUKE POWER COMPANY - OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION

Problem: Duke Power Company had requested that action be completed by December 1, 1975, on their amendment request for increasing the storage capacity for Oconee Unit 3 spent fuel pool. Staff action will not be completed for a number of days because the Environmental Impact Appraisal (EIA) has been found to be deficient with respect to the fundamental factors the Commission indicated would be considered in all environmental impact statements for increasing spent fuel storage.

Source of Information: Staff discussions with OELD indicate that the standardized wording used in the EIAs issued to date do not necessarily apply to subsequent licensing actions of this type and therefore may not demonstrate that adequate consideration has been given to the five factors identified in the Commission's notice in the Federal Register of September 16, 1975. Accordingly, OELD has committed to providing additional guidance with respect to the manner in which these factors should be addressed.

Probable Impact: A delay will occur before the final determination can be made on the Oconee Unit 3 spent fuel storage expansion.

Similar action may be necessary on the Indian Point 2 EIA which is presently being reviewed by OELD.

Course of Action: Commence a rewrite of the EIA to address the five factors in more detail while awaiting additional guidance from OELD.

Note: ACRS has recently indicated interest in the overall spent fuel storage situation.

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