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Dear Mr. Sherry:

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This is the seventh monthly report for the project "Steam Generator Tube Rupture Iodine Transport Mechanisms", which is Task 12 of agreement NRC-04-76-293.

Progress and Technical Highlights for March, 1980

Task I

No activity was undertaken in the assembly of the experimental apparatus. Tests were performed to examine the characteristics of a TV vidicon camera for recording the transient laser-scattering data. Special bench scale check-out experiments were performed using a 1 mw HeNe laser and flowing streams of two different sizes of monodispersed glass beads. Results showed poor contrast due to the automatic intensity compensation built into the electronic circuitry associated with the vidicon. Modifications in the vidicon circuitry are currently being made to obtain the necessary contrast and when completed, the drop measurement system will be ready for assembly into the full experimental flow apparatus.

Task II

No effort was expended in code writing in March.

Anticipated Activities in April

Task I

Fabrication of the experimental apparatus is expected to occur either late in April or early in May. Modifications to the vidicon circuitry will be completed in April.

Task II

Code writing efforts are temporarily suspended awaiting information on steam generator moisture separator characteristics. A trip is planned to Chattanooga to discuss design information with Combustion Engineering in April.

Costs

Costs for March were \$2,600 including a fee of \$195. Monthly expenditures are shown in Figure 1. The cumulative expenditure on the program is \$60,645. At this stage of the program cost status is of some concern. Although total expenditures and progress are close to schedule, efforts for design of the facility exceeded budget by approximately one man-month. Little contingency now exists in the program for unanticipated problems.

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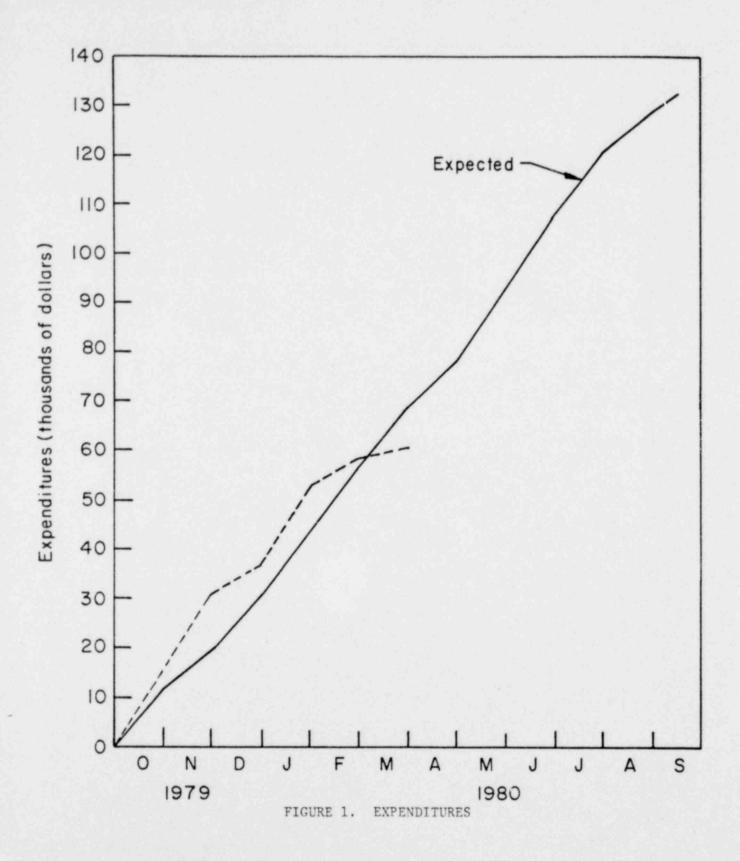
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