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APRIL 25 1980

Docket No. 50-263

Mr. L. O. Mayer, Manager
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Dear Mr. Mayer:

SUBJECT: EFFECT OF A DC POWER SUPPLY FAILURE ON ECCS PERFORMANCE

It has generally been recognized that the loss of a direct current (DC) power supply could disable several emergency core cooling system components and thereby could result in a limiting single failure condition for some breaks. The enclosed letter report was submitted to the NRC staff by the General Electric Company to provide a definitive, generic, reference analysis of the effects of DC power supply failures on ECCS conformance calculations. The NRC staff is reviewing the analysis which compares the peak cladding temperatures associated with various postulated DC power supply failure (ECCS equipment availability) cases to the peak cladding temperatures for a HPCI (small break) failure and LPCI injection valve (large break) failure cases. Since the study was based on plant design information which may have been incomplete or out-of-date, some uncertainty exists whether the worse ECCS system availability combinations have been identified for your operating BWRs. Accordingly, in order that we may have an adequate level of assurance that the systems combinations assumed in the generic analysis are conservative for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, we request that you confirm the conclusion of the reference study regarding the minimum ECCS equipment availability with a DC power supply failure. Include in your response a list of the ECCS equipment that would be available for large and small (1) recirculation loop discharge breaks, and (2) recirculation loop suction breaks. The listing of equipment available should take into account not only DC power supply failure, but also loss of equipment due to water spillage.

Please provide a schedule for your response within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

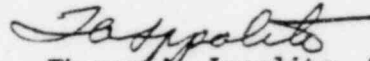
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This request for generic information was approved by GAO under clearance number B-180225(579018); this clearance expires October 31, 1980.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

General Electric Company letter
(R. E. Engel) to USNRC (P. S. Check), "DC Power Source Failure
for BWR/3 and 4," dated November 1,
1978.

cc w/enclosure:
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