

Docket No. 50-313

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Arkansas Power & Light Company
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Gentlemen:

By letter dated January 10, 1978, you requested an interpretation of Technical Specification 6.5.1.6 for Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit No. 1. This request was the result of a difference in interpretation between Arkansas Power & Light Company staff and NRC Regional Inspection and Enforcement personnel, and concerns the technical specification wording which states that: "The Plant Safety Committee (PSC) shall be responsible for review of ...". Your interpretation of this requirement is that items of review for which the PSC is responsible could be delegated to individuals or groups outside the PSC. You state that this interpretation is contrary to that of OI&E personnel who require that the PSC perform all reviews and investigations.

The proper interpretation of this provision is as follows:

The PSC may delegate review responsibility to individuals or groups outside of the formal composition of the PSC. However, since the PSC is responsible for the performance of these reviews, the review function is not complete until the PSC acts upon the results of the review in a formal manner and documents such action. Documentation may take the form of a simple notation in the minutes of a PSC meeting or may be as elaborate as the preparation of a formal PSC report.

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The above interpretation is consistent with the intent of this requirement and should enable you and OI&E personnel to resolve this matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
M. Grotenhuis

for Don K. Davis, Acting Chief
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