



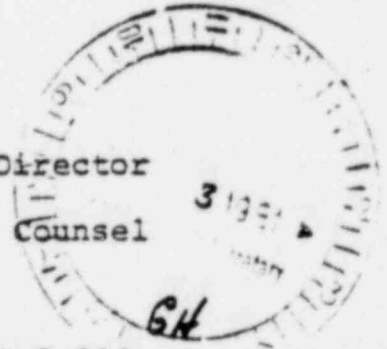
UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

IN RESPONSE
REFER TO S81-56

February 13, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director
for Operations
Leonard Bickwit, Jr., General Counsel

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S PARTIAL RESPONSE TO 2.206
REQUEST (LETTER FROM H. DENTON TO
M. CHERRY, 12/22/80 CONCERNING BYRON
NUCLEAR POWER STATION) (SECY-81-56)

1. The Commission has decided not to issue a formal order directing further staff action. This memorandum, which will be served on the parties and placed in the Public Document Room, is being issued in lieu thereof.
2. The petitioner questioned the adequacy of the licensee's QA/QC program at Byron. In this regard, the Commission notes that the staff recently forwarded an immediate action letter (dated January 13, 1981) to Commonwealth Edison requiring a suspension of electrical cable installation pending completion of specific installation and QA/QC programmatic actions. In his denial of December 22, 1980, the Director failed to set forth his evaluation of the petitioner's allegations relative to the Byron QA/QC program. As a result, the Commission is unable to determine whether, as to the Byron QA/QC program, an "inquiry appropriate to the facts asserted has been made."

Accordingly, the staff is directed to provide the Commission its reasoned evaluation of the petitioner's allegations concerning the quality of the Byron QA/QC program.

3. Upon receipt of the additional information from the staff, the Commission will determine whether Commission review is warranted.
4. As directed by the Commission, the time within which the Commission may act to review the Director's partial denial has been extended to March 23, 1981.

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5. The Offices of the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the General Counsel were informed of this action by telephone on February 12, 1981.
6. It is requested that the EDO provide a response to the Commission through the Office of the Secretary by c.o.b. March 2, 1981.
7. This completes action on the subject paper.

cc: Chairman Ahearne
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Hendrie
Commissioner Bradford
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