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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Inspection Report 50-326/80-01

This is in reply to your letter dated August 12, 1980, received at the University on August 14.

We are sorry that you are unable to fully accept our previous response on this item (letter dated July 24, 1980) to correct an item of non-compliance regarding review of reactor operation records by our Reactor Operations Committee.

It was not our intention to abandon performance of Committee reviews. In fact, a review of reactor operations for the preceding quarter is agendized at each regular meeting of the Committee.

(1) Corrective steps taken: As was noted in the letter of July 24, reviews were conducted as follows: 1/7/80, 2/11/80, 3/17/80, 6/3/80, 6/10/80. So there is no current violation. It is and has been our intention to continue with an adequate frequency of review.

(2) Corrective steps to be taken: The referenced section of our operating procedures was revised at a regular meeting of the Committee in order to avoid the technical violation obtained if quarterly schedules were not met in such reviews. Since the Commission staff finds this unacceptable, we intend to propose the following additions to our operating procedures at the next regular meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held the first week in October, 1980:

ADD. "The Committee shall review reactor operational records at least annually."

EXTEND: The sentence: "The Committee shall meet at least quarterly." to read:

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, and shall review reactor operations for the preceding quarter at such routine meetings."

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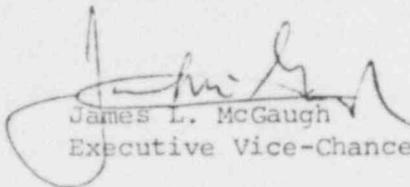
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(3) Full compliance date: Since the above action should be formally adopted at the next regular meeting of the Reactor Operations Committee, the changes to the Standard Operating Procedures for the facility should be in effect by mid October. Since we are not currently in violation on this item and since there is no "substantial potential for causing, contributing to or aggravating an incident" nor any "threat to the health and safety or interest of the public or the common defense or security" by this item, we conclude that it is unnecessary to set a faster time schedule, or to hold an emergency meeting of the Committee at this time.

We trust that this response will be favorably considered by Commission staff.

Sincerely,



James L. McGaugh  
Executive Vice-Chancellor