



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
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In Reply Refer To:
Docket No. 50-298

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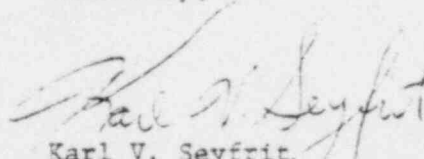
Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of response dated October 22, 1980, to our Confirmatory Order issued October 2, 1980. As a result of discussions between Region IV and IE Headquarters, we have concluded that the installation you have described in your response does not fully meet the requirements of our Order of October 2, 1980. It is our position that installations to meet Items 1.a and 1.b of Section III of the Order must provide sufficient information to the control room operator such that a manual scram can be initiated while sufficient volume remains in the scram discharge headers to accept the scram water discharge. These installations and the associated procedures should be such that the control room operator is informed of inoperable level detectors and is provided with sufficient information to determine the need for a manual scram considering a single failure of a level detector. A single float type level switch and the procedural requirement to confirm the alarm by further testing lacks the necessary reliability and redundancy to provide the above information to the control room operator in an unambiguous and timely manner.

With regard to Item 2 of Section III of the Order, we agree that the installation you describe provides sufficient monitoring of the scram discharge volume such that a once per shift surveillance check is not necessary.

Considering the above, we find that further action on your part is necessary to comply with Items 1 and 3 of Section III of our Order of October 2, 1980. Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the Region IV Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

Sincerely,


Karl V. Seyfrit
Director

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