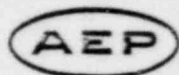


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Mr. D. G. Eisenhut, Director
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Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND TRAINING
FOR STATION BLACKOUT EVENTS

In regard to the NRC requirement for Station Blackout events to be addressed in plant emergency procedures and training programs, as delineated in NRC generic letter 81-04 dated February 25, 1981 from Darrell G. Eisenhut of the NRC to all licensees of Operating Nuclear Power Reactors and Applicants for Operating Licenses (except for St. Lucie Unit Nos. 1 & 2), the Westinghouse Owners Group provides the following response.

The Westinghouse Owners Group has developed a comprehensive development program for emergency operating guidelines to comply with the requirements of NUREG-0737, Item I.C.1 which will fully address the issues concerning emergency procedures and training for station blackout events noted in your letter 81-04 of February 25, 1981. This program is documented in Westinghouse Owners Group letter number OG-54 of March 18, 1981. This program was discussed with the NRC staff at a February 20, 1981 meeting. As planned and documented in letter OG-54, this program includes a January 15, 1982 submittal date to the NRC of a basic guideline to address considerations of a loss of all AC power. As a result of the NRC letter 81-04, the Westinghouse Owners Group is modifying the program schedule in letter OG-54 so that the loss of all AC power guideline will be submitted to the NRC by September 1, 1981 and the loss of Emergency Coolant Recirculation (ECR) will be submitted by January 15, 1982. The change in schedule will allow for the Westinghouse Owners Group to organize an informational seminar on or about October 1, 1981 to provide detailed discussion of the developed guideline with Westinghouse utility owner procedure and training personnel. It should be noted that this process is consistent with that followed for all of the Westinghouse Owners Group procedure activities.

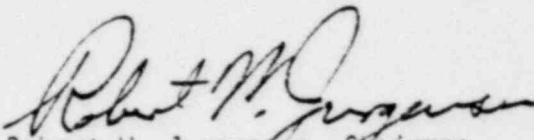
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Based on the above schedule, implementation of the guideline in plant emergency procedures and training programs would occur in consonance with the implementation schedule of NUREG-0737, Item I.C.1.

Should you require further information in this regard concerning the above schedule or the scope of our planned efforts on this topic, the Westinghouse Owners Group would be happy to discuss this matter with you and your staff.

Very truly yours,



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Westinghouse Owners Group

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