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Docket No. 50-341

Mr. B. Ralph Sylvia
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Dear Mr. Sylvia:

SUBJECT: STATUS OF FERMI-2 LICENSE CONDITION 2.C.12 (TAC NO. 59615)

Reference: Letter from B. R. Sylvia to U.S.N.R.C., "Shift Operation
Advisors," (NRC-88-0200) dated August 26, 1988

The NRC staff has reviewed Section C of Facility Operating License NPF-43 to determine the current status of Licensing Condition (LC) 2.C.12 applicable to Fermi-2. License condition 2.C.12 addresses the retention of persons with Boiling Water Reactor operating experience:

At all times the plant is in an operating condition other than cold shutdown or refueling, DECo shall have a licensed senior operator on each shift who has had at least six months of hot operating experience on a similar type plant, including at least six weeks at power levels greater than 20 percent of full power, and who has had start-up and shutdown experience. For those shifts where such an individual is not available on the plant staff, DECo shall provide an advisor who has had at least four years of power plant experience, including two years of nuclear plant experience, and who has had at least one year of experience on shift as a licensed senior operator at a similar type facility. Use of advisors who were licensed only at the reactor operator level or who otherwise do not fully meet the criteria for shift advisor, will be evaluated by the NRC staff on a case-by-case basis. As a minimum, DECo shall train these advisors on the procedures, Technical Specifications and plant systems for the Fermi-2 facility and DECo shall examine the advisors on these topics at a level which will assure their familiarity with the plant. For each shift, the remainder of the shift crew shall be trained in the role of the advisors. These advisors, or suitably qualified replacements, shall be retained until at least one of the senior operators on each shift has the required experience. The NRC staff shall be notified at least 30 days prior to the release of any special assigned advisor who has been provided in accordance with this license condition.

By the reference letter, DECo informed the NRC of its intent to remove Shift Operating Advisors (SOAs) from the control room once full power startup testing was completed or 30 days from the issuance of the referenced letter, whichever was later.

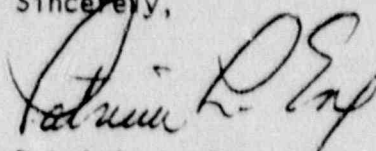
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This letter completes NRC action on TAC No. 59615. A license amendment will be necessary to remove this condition from the License.

If you have any question regarding these matters, please direct them to either myself or John Stang.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia L. Eng".

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