



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

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Docket Nos.: 50-277
and 50-278

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Dear Mr. Hunger:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 89-16 FOR PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER
STATION (TAC NOS. 74876/74877)

We have reviewed Philadelphia Electric Company's letter dated October 30, 1989, in response to NRC Generic Letter 89-16, titled "Installation of a Hardened Wetwell Vent." Your intention to install a hardened wetwell vent at Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station for Units 2 and 3 under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 is acceptable. Because we view your stated intentions to be a firm commitment to install the requisite modifications, we will not proceed with the backfit analyses for Peach Bottom, Units 2 and 3. If our understanding is not consistent with your intentions, please provide a detailed explanation of the commitments made in your response supporting the deviations from our understanding within 30 days from the date of this letter.

In the October 30, 1989 response, the effect of Individual Plant Examination activities on hardened wetwell vent modifications was discussed. In addition, the schedule for implementation of the modifications was discussed, with implementation currently projected to occur in the fall of 1992 for Unit 2 and fall of 1993 for Unit 3. The use of the results of the Individual Plant Examinations to develop supplemental criteria for the vent modification design is acceptable to us, provided that it does not in any way affect the vent modification completion schedule or your commitment to make the requisite modifications under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59. With regard to the discussed schedule, your schedule for completion of the requisite modifications for Unit 3 is not acceptable to the staff. We expect that all actions related to the requisite vent modifications be completed by January 1993. We, therefore, request that you re-evaluate and revise the modification schedule such that all actions are completed by January 1993.

We request that you provide within 30 days of the date of this letter a revised schedule commitment or, in the alternative, provide (1) an explanation of why a January 1993 completion date cannot be met and (2) the bases for your proposed completion schedule. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

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We request that you provide within 30 days of the date of this letter a revised schedule commitment or, in the alternative, provide an explanation of why a January 1993 completion date cannot be met which includes the bases for your proposed completion schedule. Should you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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