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Cultural Arts Center,  
Auditorium,  
Jackson, Mississippi

Friday, September 18, 1981

The meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- David Okrent, Chairman
- Meyer Bender
- Jesse Ebersole

DESIGNATED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE:

John McKinley

SUBCOMMITTEE CONSULTANT:

G. Schott

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8:30 a.m.

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4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Good morning. I am  
5 advised our modern electronic equipment is working and  
6 we can begin the session.

7 The first item on the Agenda this morning  
8 is Utility Capability and Organization.

9 I assume we will have a presentation by  
10 Mississippi Power and Light, and then we'll have comments  
11 by the Staff.

12 DONALD C. LUTKEN

13 MR. LUTKEN: Good morning, My name is  
14 Donald Lutken, and I'm President of the Mississippi Power  
15 and Light Company.

16 And I want to generally go over the  
17 organization and capabilities. I hope you all had an  
18 enjoyable visit down at the Plant yesterday. I hope  
19 you found everything in order.

20 First, I'd like to kind of bring you up to  
21 date as to what we are. We are part of the Middle South  
22 Utilities, as you probably know. We are one of four  
23 holding companies, and Middle South Utilities is not new  
24 in the nuclear industry per se, and we have two units in  
25 operation in Arkansas, one unit under construction in

1 Louisiana, and of course the two units under construction  
2 here in Mississippi.

3 Our President of Middle South Utilities,  
4 Mr. Floyd Lewis, is an industry leader in the nuclear  
5 industry, particularly after the Three Mile Island  
6 incident. He was instrument in setting up the institute  
7 of nuclear power operations and nuclear phase of the  
8 analysis setup, called NUSAC and Nuclear Electric  
9 Insurance, Limited, a new insurance evolved in assure  
10 more protection to the companies in case of incidents,  
11 and more recently the Utility Nuclear Power Oversight  
12 Committee.

13 Another subsidiary of Middle South Utilities  
14 is Middle South Energy, Inc., the owner of Grand Gulf,  
15 as you know. We, our company, Mississippi Power and  
16 Light Company, acting as agent under contract to Middle  
17 South Energy, Inc. to design, construct and operate the  
18 Plant.

19 Mr. Lewis is the President of Middle South  
20 Energy, Inc., and I'm a Vice-President of Middle South  
21 Energy, Inc.

22 We also have another service company in the  
23 Middle South Utilities System, called the Middle South  
24 Services, and it is just what it says it is, a service  
25 company with four operating compies. It has various

1 departments of expertise in these particular areas that  
2 will help the four operating companies.

3 Dr. Clark Gibbs is Vice-President of Middle  
4 South Services Nuclear, and is also Chairman of Atomic  
5 Industrial Forum Committee on Reactor Safety, and Dr.  
6 Gibbs is also a Vice-President of Middle South Energy,  
7 Inc.

8 In this particular service company we have  
9 engineering, quad insurance, fuel management, insurance  
10 expertise and construction expertise that help us and  
11 the other three operating companies.

12 Now, more specifically, my company our  
13 company, rather, we became involved in Grand Gulf in  
14 1969m tge katter oart if '69 and 1970.

15 From the inception it was believed that we  
16 could build the power for the Grand Gulf units by  
17 ourselves, and as you probably know we started off one  
18 unit of Grand Gulf, and its sister unit. The system to  
19 it was drawn in our public company in New the New  
20 Orleans public service territory, the second unit of  
21 Grand Gulf.

22 So we were in the nuclear business by  
23 ourselves from the very beginning. We selected a  
24 architect and engineer, and we think we selected the  
25 best, Bechtel; and we selected one of the major N triple

1 S suppliers, GE, for our nuclear steam supply system.

2 Since that time, as you well know, both  
3 units have been moved to Grand Gulf. It became obvious  
4 that we could not finance them, a small company such as  
5 ours, and Middle South Energy, Inc. was set up as a  
6 financial arm to provide the money for Grand Gulf.

7 I myself have been involved in the selection  
8 of the architect engineer, and also N triple S supplier,  
9 and have reviewed the project through its entire  
10 management from its inception.

11 The policy of our company in the very  
12 beginning was to construct and operate the Plant in the  
13 safest and most efficient manner, not only primarily,  
14 really, for the protection of our employees and the  
15 public, but also the financial, to protect the financial  
16 health of our company.

17 We have continued to follow it, top  
18 management has continued to follow the project at Grand  
19 Gulf; we have weekly reports that are submitted to us;  
20 we have monthly reviews; we have presentations from both  
21 the Middle South Energy Coard and Mississippi Power and  
22 Light Company Board and the Middle South Utilities Board,  
23 monthly.

24 Some three years ago I instituted a meeting  
25 monthly with top management of GE, Bechtel, and our

1 company, to be sure that we were not letting anything  
2 fall through the crack in trying to keep this unit on  
3 schedule as best we could.

4 More recently I have excused myself from  
5 those meetings, and they are conducted now by Mr. Norris  
6 Stampley, and I meet with them quarterly to be sure that  
7 I am kept up and involved with the progress of the Plant.

8 Additionally, we have semi-annual meetings  
9 with all plant supervisory personnel, and this has been  
10 since the inception of the plant.

11 I believe we have recruited and trained,  
12 and are training rather, a fine group of people. I think  
13 we can look right here and see that we have a real fine  
14 representation of the supervisory personnel and the  
15 engineering personnel that will run the Grand Gulf Plant.

16 We have many experienced of BWR and BWR  
17 persons who've gone through intensive training, offsite  
18 and onsite, and involved people will go into more detail  
19 about this, but we have one of the first utilities to  
20 contract with Mississippi -- Memphis State University,  
21 to conduct onsite classroom type training at the Grand  
22 Gulf site.

23 We are a company that has a union. We've  
24 had a union, the IBEW has represented our crafts since  
25 1939. We have a great relationship with the union;

1 presently we have just ended a two-year contract with  
 2 the union, and they are now negotiating for another two-  
 3 year contract.

4 We were one of the first utilities to first  
 5 recognize that we needed to simulate onsite the  
 6 activities of our control room, and we purchased one  
 7 last year and it should be delivered in June of next  
 8 year. It's a Singer Simulator, and we think it's one of  
 9 the best.

10 We are presently building a building to  
 11 house this unit, as well as to make an all purpose  
 12 building the EOF Center, Training Center, Engineering  
 13 Center, and Visitors Center.

14 It has been the policy of our company, I  
 15 guess, ever since it was formed, to give a person  
 16 responsibility and also the authority that goes along  
 17 with that; and we have done this to our key project  
 18 personnel.

19 Since the inception of the Plant we've  
 20 changed our organizational structure some several times.  
 21 I guess we've changed it really to fit the need of that  
 22 particular time and the talents of our people.

23 The most recent change was made on January  
 24 1, 1981, where we assigned our Senior Vice-President --  
 25 incidentally, we only have one Senior Vice-President;



1 that's Norris Stampley -- the sole responsibility of  
2 completing the Plant and getting it into operation.

3 He has two people reporting to him now,  
4 one on the construction side of the chart, and one on  
5 the operation and licensing side of the chart.

6 We will change once again as necessary for  
7 the operating of the Plant, and that is presently under  
8 review, and we will resolve -- I understand there is  
9 some question about the engineering and the testing  
10 concern, and that will be resolved prior to fuel load,  
11 and we will submit supplements to the NRC covering these  
12 changes.

13 It's kind of unique in that we have a group  
14 of very talented people, and we try to put them in the  
15 proper slots at the proper time, and be sure that the  
16 Plant is completed and then can operate safely and  
17 efficiently.

18 The organization, I think we have a real  
19 strong organization, as far as top management is  
20 concerned. I understand that there is concern that we,  
21 myself and Norris, don't have any BWR experience, and  
22 we would like somebody sitting at our elbow to advise us,  
23 to be sure that things are going correctly at the Plant,  
24 and we will supply that person, either through contract  
25 or permanent type person with that experience.

1                   Our nuclear plant engineering department is  
2 being staffed, and we will be functioning smoothly before  
3 fuel load.

4                   MP&L policies as far as the media is  
5 concerned, has always been that we've been available to  
6 the news media; we've tried to supply them with factual  
7 up to date information, and I think we've done a fairly  
8 good job through the life of this plant, and actually I  
9 guess through the life of our company.

10                   More recently we had a media day in Grand  
11 Gulf; we had some 50 odd correspondents both from the  
12 Louisiana area and the Mississippi area, and they spent  
13 all day out there, and I think they got a real good  
14 handle on what we are trying to do through nuclear power.

15                   In addition to that we've established  
16 speakers bureaus that have gone all over the state,  
17 telling our story, telling the nuclear power story and  
18 what the company is trying to do to further the advance  
19 of nuclear power and supply adequate electric power for  
20 the development of our State.

21                   Incidentally, we have also probably taken  
22 that into the schools, both in the elementary, secondary  
23 and the colleges, and we've had real fine response.

24                   Our emergency responsibilities, I think are  
25 moving along real well; we've had great cooperation from

1 the Federal Agencies; and we've had real fine cooperation  
2 from the the State Agencies, Mississippi and Louisiana,  
3 and also the local Agencies in Mississippi and Louisiana.  
4 And also the media has cooperated real fine.

5 Our people are participating in an industry  
6 boost. They belong to umpteen technical societies, and  
7 we are members of the BWR holding group. So all in all,  
8 I think we have a fine organization. We have the  
9 capabilities to operate the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
10 in a safe and efficient manner.

11 Thank you.

12 MEMBER BENDER: Mr. Lutken, could I ask a  
13 couple of questions?

14 MR. LUTKEN: Okay. There you are; I was  
15 looking for you.

16 (Laughter).

17 MEMBER BENDER: That's about the way it is  
18 in a reactor plant; you don't know where the signals are  
19 coming from.

20 I'd like to ask a couple of questions about  
21 the management philosophy item. We have frequently  
22 raised questions about the need for advisory support to  
23 the management, technically.

24 Now, in committing yourself to get some  
25 advisory help, have you given thought to the type of

1 advisory help that you think you need?

2 Are you going to because the NRC requests  
3 you, or have you given any thought yourself about how to  
4 have that skill on hand?

5 MR. LUTKEN: Well, I was really surprised  
6 when they said we ought to have one particular  
7 individual, more or less like you say, sitting at the  
8 elbow of myself and Norris, and then they said we can  
9 learn in one year; we could turn him loose after one  
10 year.

11 We thought that we had that skill, or those  
12 skills in the power plant itself, or either in the  
13 nuclear engineering staff that's located here in Jackson,  
14 that could give us that same type advice.

15 One individual, to me, for a year doesn't  
16 mean a heck of a lot. I don't believe I could learn  
17 that much about BWR in one year, and feel real  
18 comfortable with it.

19 I think we have to build it into our staff,  
20 and from there we could draw -- I'd feel more  
21 comfortable.

22 MEMBER BENDER: Well, I wasn't aware that  
23 that's the way in which the NRC staff has established  
24 the advisory capability needed for utility.

25 MR. LUTKEN; Well, I'm talking about just

1 one man, you know. They say after a year we could have  
2 absorbed enough to feel comfortable. I think we have it  
3 within our staff itself, that we have adequate, well  
4 qualified people that could advise us, and be sure that  
5 we were operatint the unit correctly.

6 MEMBER BENDER: One of the things that I  
7 had an impression about was the INPO and its formulation,  
8 would have established some way of providing some kind  
9 of management systems and developig.

10 There is a need for advisory help for a man  
11 with tunnel vision, was half the problem at BMI, and so  
12 that people do need to look at things from the outside,  
13 but it seems to me that rather than establishing --  
14 you've got a man on hand who may be handy-dandy, but it  
15 seems to me that there ought to be some way in which  
16 the management or an organization as big as this could  
17 present the picture of how it gets its advice.

18 Having a few people in town is helpful, but  
19 if they're subordinate to you and they're not free  
20 wheelers, their advice may be a matter of what does the  
21 boss want to hear.

22 MR. LUTKEN: Well, that's true. But I  
23 would think that INPO, plus the fact that we have the  
24 nuclear capability within our service organization,  
25 service company, from there we could draw on that kind

1 management advice that I would feel, you know, comfortable  
2 with.

3 MEMBER BENDER: Well, we'll certainly hear  
4 more about that this morning. I just wanted to make a  
5 couple of points about preliminary facts.

6 Thank you.

7 JAMES McGAUGHY

8 MR. McCAUCHY: My name is Jim McGaughy.  
9 I'm the Assistant Vice-President for Nuclear Production,  
10 Mississippi Power and Light Company.

11 I would like to take some time to describe  
12 our general organization in terms of organizational  
13 units and how they function.

14 And then I would like to discuss primarily  
15 the support aspects for operating the plant, and what  
16 our qualifications and capabilities are in the support  
17 aspects.

18 After that, I will ask Ken McCoy, our  
19 Plant Manager, to talk about the qualifications and  
20 experience of the people who he has that will be  
21 involved in the operation and maintenance of the Plant.

22 So, all the people that I will talk about  
23 are all -- when we get to that part -- are all involved  
24 only in the support aspects of it. Ken will talk about  
25 the experience and qualifications of the operation and

1 maintenance people.

2           Displayed here is the organization which  
3 Mr. Lutken referred to, which he placed into effect on  
4 the 1st of January for this year. This thought process,  
5 which he doesn't always share with me, but I think it  
6 goes something like this, and that we had two big efforts  
7 that we needed to do.

8           One was to get the design finished,  
9 redesign the Plant and get the design finished, get the  
10 Plant built, and get the Plant started up. He put that  
11 under Mr. George Rogers, who came to us from -- well,  
12 directly from Middle South Services; prior to that from  
13 Georgia Power Company, where he was construction manager  
14 for building the hatch plant.

15           Also under Mr. Rogers, we have our Startup  
16 organization. Our Startup organization is headed up by  
17 Mr. Randy Hutchinson, who has some 13 years experience  
18 in nuclear plant startup both in the Navy and with us.

19           He has a staff of about 6 startup engineers  
20 at MP&L plus about 40 some-odd hired consultant type  
21 startup engineers who are in his startup group.

22           Also under the site manager is Mr. Ted  
23 Cloninger, who was earlier over in the manager nuclear  
24 plant engineering job that we will talk about in a  
25 minute; and Mr. Cloninger then, is our man for resolving

1 and directing the engineering efforts of Bechtel and  
2 General Electric Company, and he has a staff of people,  
3 which I will talk about a little more later, who are  
4 there to direct that effort with both Bechtel and GE.

5 And then we have a construction organization  
6 which is headed up by Mr. Ben Stewart and consists of  
7 people in Mississippi Power and Light Company organization  
8 and the Middle South Services organization.

9 Over on this side of the house if all of  
10 the elements that are considered to be permanent.  
11 Mississippi Power and Light Company employees, permanent  
12 organization, the organization in place to operate the  
13 Plant.

14 Here of course, is the Nuclear Plant  
15 Manager; this is Mr. McCoy, who will describe his  
16 organization some later.

17 And the manager of Nuclear Plant Engineering,  
18 and Nuclear Plant Engineering Group has been formed in  
19 the last two years. Its function is to assume design  
20 control of the Plant, as systems are turned over to the  
21 Plant Manager.

22 He will work through his Staff and through  
23 hired engineers who have design control to approve any  
24 design changes, and perform the design for any design  
25 changes, design modification engineering to the Plant.



1           Also under this man is the operation  
2 analysis group, which is the independent safety  
3 engineering group.

4           MEMBER BENDER: Is that place filled now?

5           MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, it is, and I'll  
6 introduce the man to you in a minute.

7           MEMBER BENDER: All right.

8           MR. McGAUGHY: Here is our Manager of  
9 Quality Assurance. Our Quality Assurance Program have,  
10 of course, both construction Quality Assurance Program  
11 and the operational Quality Assurance Program, both of  
12 which comes under Mr. Tom Reaves, whom I will also  
13 introduce to you in a minute.

14           The elements of that organization both in  
15 the general office to do programatic type of work,  
16 audits, and an organization in the field which audits  
17 the field organization and the operating organization.

18           Under our Manager of Nuclear Services, we  
19 have our group that handles contracts, cash flow, this  
20 type of thing, the serious end of the business.

21           Our Nuclear Fuel Section, which looks to  
22 contracting, purchasing of fuel, licensing of fuel,  
23 design of reload fuel.

24           Our Nuclear Records Group, which handles  
25 getting the records turned over to us from Bechtel and

1 control of the records that we generate.

2 Iyr Nabager of Safety and Licensing Group,  
3 which consists all our interfaces with the NRC, with  
4 the exception of I&E, which is generally handled by the  
5 Quality Assurance Group.

6 In addition, supporting us of course with  
7 GE and Bechtel, Middle South Services; other MP&L  
8 departments which constitutes a direct service to us  
9 is the Nuclear Accounting Group, which does only  
10 accounting for the Nuclear Department personnel, security,  
11 and all the other support groups, and any other  
12 contractors that we may have.

13 I would like to now talk a little more  
14 specifically about each group and what some of the  
15 capabilities of these groups are, and introduce you to  
16 some of the people who staff these, who are the leaders  
17 in these groups.

18 MEMBER BENDER: Mr. McGaughy, you are going  
19 to say something about the numbers of people at some  
20 time?

21 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes I am, and then I'll give  
22 you a summary when I get through.

23 The first thing I would like to talk about  
24 is that we have engineering support capability, we have  
25 put those engineers in the groups where the engineering

1 support is required, as opposed to have one engineering  
2 group off somewhere who supplies all engineering support.

3 For instance, under the Plant Manager, we  
4 have an engineering support group. Some of them -- I  
5 don't think any of them are here; they will be here this  
6 afternoon. Some will give presentations this afternoon.

7 There's a total of 17 people in the  
8 engineering group for the Plant Manager. Now, these  
9 men are responsible for doing engineering type work that's  
10 of primary interest to the Plant Manager. Such as,  
11 human factors reviewed in the control room. It's his  
12 control room, and if he wants to operate, he doesn't  
13 want someone somewhere else telling him how to do this.

14 It serves inspection, and the number of  
15 programs that are conducted in the Plant Manager's own  
16 engineering group. The total of 17 people in that  
17 group at this time, the man who heads that up is their  
18 Nuclear Support Manager, and under him, who is the  
19 Support Manager is a BWR SRO certified man who has a  
20 number of years experience, and came to us from being  
21 a field service engineer with GE and has done both  
22 turbine work and much nuclear work. He came to us  
23 directly from Duane Arnold, who was earlier at Peach  
24 Bottom and other stations.

25 Some of his people, Al McCurdy -- Al, I

1 don't think is here. Al has about 16 years experience,  
2 nuclear experience, was a qualified Navy operator.  
3 Since that time has gone back to school and has been  
4 with us for over 10 years, working in this group, and he  
5 will talk to you this afternoon -- this afternoon I  
6 believe it is, about human factors, and will tell you  
7 something about the work that he is doing in that group.

8 So I've talked about here, Engineering  
9 Support, which is under the Nuclear Plant Manager.  
10 None of these men that I've talked about are involved in  
11 the operations and maintenance aspects..

12 Mr. McCoy will take about that, and he will  
13 talk about the experience involved in that group. When  
14 I give you a chart at the end, you can take the numbers  
15 that I give you and the numbers that Mr. McCoy will give  
16 you, and add them up, and you will get the total  
17 summation of our qualifications and experience.

18 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Mr. McGaughy, can I ask  
19 you a question?

20 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Where in your organization  
22 does the process take place; where as an organization  
23 yourself, do you examine the systems, the system  
24 interfaces, the physical disposition of the Plant, and  
25 you originate postulated possible problems and accidents,

1 and set about resolving whether they are significant or  
2 not; and if they are, solving them?

3 In walking through the Plant, for instance,  
4 yesterday, we were commenting there on the physical  
5 disposition arrangement. And one of the things that  
6 was interesting was the disposition of control and rod  
7 drive tubes, in aspect to the recirculation water pipe.

8 There is a certainly reasonably postulated  
9 chance, if you agree, which is frequently tested, that  
10 you will have a LOCA; that you will be unable to get a  
11 number of rods in that core. I'm using this only as an  
12 example.

13 Where in your organization do people, in  
14 essence, originate these things and solve them to their  
15 own corporate satisfaction?

16 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, of course it depends  
17 on who the person is. Let's say it was me, as a result  
18 of walking around the plant with you.

19 In that case there are several things that  
20 I would do.

21 Number one, I would ask our licensing  
22 people, what is the design basis for this; what studies  
23 have we been doing, or have been done from a licensing  
24 point of view, that have looked at this problem.

25 Number two, and that is under the services

1 group. Number two in that case should go to the  
2 engineering group, which at this time could be either  
3 in the nuclear plant engineering group or under the  
4 project engineering, who is working directly with Bechtel,  
5 who would go -- the project engineering group would go  
6 directly to GE and find the design basis for that, and  
7 see whether that problem had been considered; and the  
8 nuclear plant engineering group would look at it, but  
9 they would not look at it necessarily through GE, but  
10 from an independent assessment, using their own  
11 capabilities to go look at that.

12 (Inaudible discussion).

13 MR. McGAUGHY: Mr. McCoy points out we  
14 also have a plant ADMIN procedure, which directs itself  
15 to that, and I would like for him to comment on that.

16 MR. McCOY: Ken McCoy, the Plant Manager  
17 at Grand Gulf.

18 We have a formal program at the Plant,  
19 called the Plant Control and Modification Program, and  
20 in that we have a formal procedure where anyone can  
21 initiate a request for a design change study.

22 Anyone who sees a problem, or notes a  
23 potential problem, such as we did yesterday when walking  
24 through, can initiate a sheet of paper that starts a  
25 design review.

1                   That's first looked at by our technical  
2 group on the Plant's Staff, who put in any operational  
3 input, and then it's forwarded to the Manager of Nuclear  
4 Plant Engineering; and he either dispositions the design  
5 directly, or if necessary goes to outside contract help.

6                   And there is a loop c'losure portion of that  
7 due, to get the feedback to the original.

8                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

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1 MR. McGAUGHY: Our quality assurance group,  
2 as I stated, there are a total of 25 people in this group.  
3 Part of that group is located in Jackson and part in the  
4 field.

5 We have a total of 9 Engineers in the group,  
6 5 other related Degrees, a total of 279 years of  
7 professional experience, and a total of 135 years of  
8 nuclear experience in this Quality Assurance Group.

9 Our Nuclear Services Group is located here  
10 in Jackson. We have a total of 14 professional or  
11 dingineer type people in that group. The total of the  
12 group is about 28 at this time, which includes some  
13 accounting people and other key people.

14 This group, you know if the group is located  
15 away from the site and doesn't get down to the Plant  
16 every day, there's some question about their involvement  
17 with the Plant and their knowledge of the Plant.

18 Each one of the people in this group, the  
19 professional people, we have sent through the Plant System  
20 Training, and learned the Plant Systems. We have sent  
21 each one of them to an abbreviated simulated course so  
22 they will have an understanding of Plant operations.

23 Now, let me -- I want to introduce you to  
24 some of the people, but I think if we do that all at  
25 one time, it might work out a little better.



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Under the Nuclear Plant Engineering Group, we have a total of 21 Engineers, 2 additional people who are professional degree-type people, Physics, Chemists, several Draftsmen. This group is located at the site, independent of the Plant Manager.

Their job is to provide the design control and design modification services to the Plant. Our thoughts were that from looking at other organizations, that the Engineering Group would be better werved -- the Plant would be better served, which is the work product, if the Engineering Group was located at the Plant site.

For several reasons. Number 1, that's the location of the work product; that's where they're going to go to see what kind of design changes need to be done.

Number 2, in going around and visiting other people, we always noticed a definite lack of cooperation between the people in the field, the Plant people, and the people back at an Engineering Office somewhere else, in terms of understanding the Plant, and in terms of just understanding each other. We felt that if we put them there in the same location, that this would eliminate this type of misunderstanding, and I think we are doing it.

In the Startup Group, which will come under the Plant Manager before we load fuel, we have the Startup

1 Manager, who is not here today; he's down starting up the  
2 Plant -- with experienced, a number of experienced  
3 Engineers under him.

4 We have our Manager of Project Engineering,  
5 whom I will introduce to you, who has a number of years  
6 experience, and has a number of experienced Engineers  
7 working under him; some from our Company, some from Middle  
8 South Services.

9 Our Construction Organization, we have  
10 Engineers, 3 Engineers in that organization, and we talked  
11 for a minute about Middle South Services.

12 MEMBER BENDER: Jim, before you go on --

13 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir.

14 MEMBER BENDER: I'd like to take a little  
15 time to discuss the matter.

16 You've got a Site Manager and a Nuclear  
17 Plant Manager up there, and there's a problem, as I see  
18 it, in the transition of responsibilities from one to the  
19 other.

20 Is there a relationship established? Are  
21 you usually interfaced between those two?

22 MR. McGAUGHY: I am, through Mr. Stampley.  
23 However, they work together on a daily basis, and the  
24 thought is that, you know, as we gradually bring Startup  
25 over, probably elements of engineering; Mr. Lutken was

1 talking about reorganizing; I am not sure what all he's  
2 going to do. But part of that would be that Startup would  
3 come under here, and this would be envisioned to wither  
4 away; and that's not any news to him. I mean, he came  
5 up here from Services, was the Construction Manager of  
6 Hatch, and looking at things, Construction work for  
7 Middle South Services.

8 We thought we needed him here. Mr. Lutken  
9 was able to get him, and you know, sometime in the next  
10 4 to 12 months, this organization will wither away.

11 MEMBER BENDER: Well, I'm not trying to  
12 press that point. It's more a matter of understanding  
13 how the responsibilities of the two organizations are  
14 meshed together. So the decisions that are made by the  
15 Startup Manager are compatible with those made by  
16 the Nuclear Plant Manager feels he'll have to live with  
17 when he takes over the Plant.

18 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, I think that -- we  
19 have one of the parties here, of course, and he is the  
20 one who would be in position to complain, more than the  
21 other. So why don't we ask him to comment, and I'm not  
22 sure what he'll say.

23 (Laughter)

24 MR McCOY: Ken McCoy, Plant Manager.

25 I have no doubts about the clear responsibility

1 and authority at the Plant. That's been made very clear  
2 to me by Jim and by Mr. Lutken and Mr. Stampley, directly.

3 My responsibilities are for the operation  
4 of the equipment, once it's turned over from the  
5 Construction Organization.

6 And the Site Manager is responsible for the  
7 construction of the PLant. I support him in that effort  
8 in any way possible. Once that piece of equipment is  
9 tagged over to Operations, it's my responsibility to  
10 operate it safely and to continue to maintain it properly.

11 The area that is probably the -- the area  
12 that is questionable in your mind if how we interface  
13 that Startup test activity with the operation of the  
14 equipment.

15 We do that by the organization that we have,  
16 such as the Shift Supervisor has overall responsibility.  
17 No tests are run without his approval. There is a test  
18 coordinator from the Startup Organization in the Control  
19 Room at all times.

20 He meets in the pre-shift briefing with the  
21 Shift Supervisor and says what test he would like to do.  
22 The Shift Supervisor actually runs the test. Our operators  
23 operate all the equipment, and so forth.

24 The Startup group says what testing  
25 activities they want to accomplish, and they are

1 responsible for seeing that the test is carried out  
2 properly, and the proper data is recorded; and if the  
3 test needs to be repeated, getting it rescheduled.

4 MEMPER BENDER: Where is the test programed?  
5 Do you and the Startup Manager collectively decide on  
6 what the test program should be?

7 MR. McCOY: Yes, we both sign off on the  
8 schedule. In fact, my Operations Superintendent chairs  
9 the Plan of the Day Meeting every day that schedules the  
10 testing for the next day.

11 The Startup Manager proposes the testing;  
12 the Operations Superintendent authorizes it.

13 MEMBER BENDER: I think I'm not quite asking  
14 the question in the right way. I have no doubt that  
15 that's being done.

16 It has to do more with having some agreement  
17 on what the test program is supposed to display.

18 MR. McCOY: Yes, we do, and we review the  
19 test prior to its being run, for technical content to  
20 insure that the data that is being collected demonstrates  
21 to our satisfaction the proper operation of the equipment  
22 and the system, and also complies with regulatory  
23 requirements.

24 Then once the data is collected, it's first  
25 evaluated by the Startup Organization, and then the

1 completed test package with all the results, is submitted  
2 to the Plant Manager, and my technical group reviews  
3 that, and if we have problems we resolve them, we rerun  
4 the test, or whatever; and the Plant Manager has the  
5 final Signature Authority to say that the test is  
6 completed satisfactorily.

7 MEMBER BENDER: All right, thank you.

8 MR. McGAUGHY: One group that provides us  
9 with many valuable services is the Middle South Services  
10 rganization in New Orleans.

11 This Organization consists of over 30  
12 professional people in the Nuclear Activities Department.  
13 The Reactor Physics Analysis Group, which supports us  
14 by developing the code to model our core.

15 We have a Plant Systems Analysis Group, which  
16 does things like, for instance, they are developing for  
17 us a retran model that our people in our operations  
18 analysis group will use to run plant transients to run  
19 the plant.

20 But these detailed analytical development  
21 type work are done here at the Service Company in New  
22 Orleans.

23 The fuel supply group handles fuel contracts  
24 and this type of thing, to supply us favorably with fuel.

25 In addition, we have some staff here, too,

1 who are supporting our project engineer group in the  
2 field.

3           There is an Assistant Manager of System  
4 Operations who assists us in a number of ways, including  
5 as a member of our Safety Review Committee, and he is  
6 a pipe line to the Chairman of Middle South Utilities  
7 System, for problems which he may detect in the operation  
8 of the Plant.

9           Now let me go through and introduce some of  
10 the people to you, and I will tell you about them,  
11 individually.

12           First, you met Ken McCoy, and he's our Plant  
13 Manager. Why don't you just stand up, Ken. And Ken comes  
14 to us with 16 years, 17 years at this point, with Nuclear  
15 experience from the Navy.

16           He spent 10 years in the Navy, Engineer  
17 Officer, Squadron Engineer, prospective Executive Officer

18           - - -

1 before he came to us in 1974.

2 From our Quality Assurance Group I would like  
3 to introduce --

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Excuse me. How much  
5 experience is there with BWR in that many years of  
6 experience?

7 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, now, Ken himself  
8 has not been in the operating BWR. He has been with us  
9 since 1974; he is certified SRO. He has been through our,  
10 of course, Startup Program, and is running his aspect of  
11 it, managing the operations of the Test Program.

12 Now, he will, as I stated earlier, he will  
13 in a minute get up and tell you about the depth and  
14 strength of BWR operating experience within his  
15 organization. I would like to hold that until he gets  
16 up here.

17 Some of the other people we would like to  
18 introduce is Tom Reaves, who is our Manager of Quality  
19 Assurance. Tom has been with the Company for about 20  
20 years and has been involved with Quality Assurance on  
21 our Nuclear Project for about 7 years.

22 Larry Dale. Larry is our Manager of Nuclear  
23 Services. Larry comes to us, has been with us since '73.  
24 Just prior to that he was with TVA and did some work with  
25 Brown's Ferry, some work in nuclear fuel at TVA,



1 materials accountability work, fuel design work. He has  
2 been with us since 1973.

3 Charlie Tyrone, the Manager of Nuclear Fuels,  
4 also comes to us from TVA. Charlie was the Startup  
5 Engineer at TVA and has been with us since '73.

6 Larry McKay is our Corporate Phealth Physicist.  
7 He will speak to you a little later about emergency  
8 planning. Dr. McCay is a PHD in Health Physics. He  
9 has taken the first two parts of his Health Physics  
10 Certification. I don't know whether he passed it, but  
11 he's still working here, so he must have.

12 (Laughter).

13 John Richardson --

14 REPORTER: Just a minute; this tape doesn't  
15 seem to be working.

16 (Tape was changed).

17 MR. McGAUGHY: John Richardson is our  
18 Manager of Safety and Licensing. John has been with us  
19 since '75, I believe. John came to us from Westinghouse.  
20 John was at the Alleno prototype, where he was  
21 instructor. John is certified SRO on grid and  
22 simulator; was at one time our Operations Superintendent  
23 at the Plant and we moved him up here, and he is our  
24 Manager of our Safety and Licensing Group.

25 Also under John is Sam Hobbs, who is our

1 Manager of Nuclear Safety. Sam comes to us from an  
2 Architechnique Engineer firm, and has a Masters Degree,  
3 and has a total of about 10 years experience in the  
4 design and licensing group.

5 We have Guy Cesare, who is our Manager of  
6 Licensing. He comes to us from the Navy. He holds an  
7 Engineering degree; he was a Navy Engineering Officer  
8 Watch, Submarine qualified Officer; he has a total of  
9 about 10 years experience in the nuclear business.

10 Tom Kerr here is our Manager, the head of  
11 our Business Services Group, who handles our contracts.

12 Also back here is Fred Adcock, who has a  
13 total of about 18 years experience in Mechanical  
14 Engineering. He's our principle Mechanical Engineer on  
15 Nuclear Plant Engineering Group. About 10 or 12 of that  
16 has been with Combustion Engineering through core work  
17 vessel design, vessel manufacturing from combustion in  
18 Chattanooga.

19 Bill Angle is a man who heads up our  
20 Operational Analysis Group. Bill comes to us from, most  
21 recently from LaCross, LaCross Boiling Water Reactor  
22 Plant. He was there -- it is a small organization there,  
23 and he was their head technical man and handled just about  
24 every aspect of Engineering Analysis, Licensing, Fuel,  
25 whatever, at that Plant. And he is going to be the man

1 who heads up our Operational Analysis Independent Safety  
2 Engineering Group. Before his 11 years at LaCross, he  
3 spent 5 years at Betelle in the northwest; he spent  
4 several years with General Electric operating at Hanford,  
5 and before that was in the academic field.

6 Ted Clonginer. Ted is our Manager of Project  
7 Engineering, over on this side. Ted comes to us from --  
8 he has a total of 11 years in design and construction  
9 experience, and he comes to us from Duke Power Company.

10 Here's Bob Fron. He is our Acting Manager  
11 of Nuclear Plant Engineering. He comes to us after  
12 several years with Bechtel.

13 I would like to introduce from Middle South  
14 Services some people that are helping us. Will Dr.  
15 Grissen (ph) stand up. He is employed with Middle South  
16 Services. He works in Mr. Cloninger's group.

17 Dr. Sherman, who works for Middle South  
18 Services, who spends most of his time doing work for us  
19 in all aspects of the project.

20 I would estimate that of the 30 people at  
21 Services, that we probably have 10 to 12 full time who  
22 are working full time for us, on an aggregate basis.

23 I guess that's all I have here. I would  
24 like to introduce -

25 MEMBER BENDER: Jim, may I ask you --

1 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER BENDER: I want a little better  
3 understanding of how the organization has grown.

4 MR. McGAUGHY: Of how what?

5 MEMBER BENDER: Of how the organization has  
6 grown. You've got a certain number of people who were  
7 here back when the Plant started. Like you, for example.  
8 I believe you were here.

9 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir.

10 MEMBER BENDER: And a certain number of them  
11 came on board as the operation got bigger; and then some  
12 fraction of them were brought in with the anticipation  
13 of the fact that the Plant has to operate.

14 Could you give us some idea of what fraction  
15 of them were brought in?

16 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, as best I can. When  
17 we started out in 1971 - well, the planning was before  
18 that; the bids with an interchange file were received  
19 on January 18, 1971 in New Orleans, and I was employed  
20 by Middle South Services at that time.

21 And as Mr. Lutken has stated, there was  
22 going to be one unit at NOPSI and one unit here, and I  
23 was serving as the interface between the two companies  
24 at that time.

25 So there were several people, probably 5

1 here at MP&L, Norris being one of them, who were working  
2 on the project.

3 We grew to probably 15 -- I moved up here  
4 in '73, and there were probably 15 or 20 people at that  
5 time.

6 In '75, at that time we formed a Plant  
7 Staff, and we were, our Group and QA and Plant Staff  
8 were probably well over 100 people at that time.

9 By '78, I would say we were probably up to  
10 300 people. Now we have, in our organization there are  
11 over 400, about 400, and counting the other side, we  
12 probably have a total of about 500 people.

13 So it has been a pretty gradual, steady  
14 growth over the years.

15 Also, who's just come in, I'd like to  
16 introduce Dick Ambrosino, one of the people, our  
17 Support Manager at the Plant. He is a certified SRO.

18 And Allen McCurdy ~~is~~, and Allen is our  
19 Technical Superintendent at the Plant. Allen will give  
20 his presentation later. Allen is a certified SRO and  
21 heads up the Engineering portion, and reports through  
22 Mr. Ambrosino to the Plant Manager.

23 I have a chart here that summarizes the  
24 experience of these groups.

25 Before I go on, there is one other group that

1 I did not mention, and that is the Construction, Engineering  
2 Construction Group at Middle South Services, which also  
3 provides us some support in the Construction side of the  
4 house. That's where Mr. George Rogers, who is the Site  
5 Manager, came from; and Vince Stewart (ph), our  
6 Construction Superintendent, came from -- Construction  
7 Manager, that is.

8 And they're included in that lump under  
9 Services, Middle South Services, which is 30 some odd  
10 people who are in the Nuclear Activities Department,  
11 plus the people who are in Engineering and Construction.

12 So what I've listed here is Engineering  
13 Degreed people, and people with related professional  
14 science degrees. I haven't listed anyone else, no  
15 secretaries or draftsmen or non-degreed people who are  
16 playing a support role, not operation linked; and they  
17 are located both here in Jackson and in the field.

18 Nuclear Support of course is the Department  
19 of the Plant Manager, of course. Nuclear Services Group  
20 Jackson; part of the Quality Assurance Group is in  
21 Jackson; the rest of the Group are located in the field.

22 So for MP&L a total of 70 Engineering people,  
23 14 Related Science Degrees, and Professional Experience  
24 total 790 years, an average of 9 years.

25 Nuclear experience, a total of 456 years, or

1 an average of 7.

2 And just for the information, we've put in  
3 Middle South Services. As I said, 10 to 12 of the Nuclear  
4 Activities Group work for us pretty much full time. For  
5 the Construction, Group, I'm not sure; I would think  
6 perhaps 5 work for us full time. And if you lump that  
7 in -- they're all available to us -- that gives us a  
8 total of 130, 1190 years Professional Experience; and  
9 something like 756 years of Nuclear Experience; and  
10 an average of 9 years Professional Experience.

11 MEMBER BENDER: Could I ask how that  
12 distribution capabilities compare with the sister  
13 organization? Is it about the same? Larger? Smaller?

14 MR. McGAUGHY: I would say that we are  
15 approaching what Louisiana Power and Light has; I  
16 consider us head of where Louisiana Power and Light may be  
17 at this time. Of course, they're behind us schedule-wise.

18 MEMBER BENDER: You are planning on loading  
19 fuel in December?

20 MR. McGAUGHY: December 31st.

21 MEMBER BENDER: This year?

22 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir.

23 MEMBER BENDER: So you ought to have all of  
24 your team on board and running full gear?

25 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir. Well, now we feel

1 like we do, and we're ready, and we have a lot, we have  
2 a number of people, additional people that we want to  
3 hire.

4 For instance, in the areas of Engineering  
5 we would like -- it is our goal, and in our budget, to  
6 have enough people to do most of the steady state  
7 engineering design modification work within our own  
8 organization.

9 We don't have that many people yet. What  
10 we do have, though, is an organization in place, the  
11 procedures in place, to do some of the work in-house and  
12 to control the work done by Bechtel or other responsible  
13 Engineers.

14 Our organization would initiate any design  
15 control, would approve any design control, approve the  
16 budgets, and sign and approve the drawings as they come  
17 out for the systems that are under the design control of  
18 the Mississippi Power and Light Company.

19 And then we have also done successfully  
20 engineering designs of our own. We hope, and are actively  
21 and aggressively pursuing building up the capability to  
22 do most of that ourselves.

23 You know, most nuclear plants around the  
24 country in Bechtel, San Francisco or Vasco several hundred  
25 engineers which are supporting that one project. The



1 philosophy of our company is that we want to do as much  
2 of that ourselves, because if you have someone else do  
3 it, number one, it costs more money; number two,  
4 experience that you can be gaining within your own  
5 company is lost. It goes to someone else.

6 We want that capability in our own house,  
7 and we are moving as fast as we can to develop it.

8 MEMBER BENDER: There are a couple of points  
9 that I would like to explore with you. First, everybody  
10 wants to have his own experience, and it's always better  
11 if you've got your own experienced people. We all agree  
12 with that.

13 But going through a transition period here;  
14 you've been relying heavily on outside organizations, and  
15 you're about to take off on your own.

16 One of the things we are all concerned about  
17 is that in assuming that responsibility, whether the  
18 people that are picking it up have the kind of basic  
19 experience that enables them to discern the risk they are  
20 undertaking in the course of making the decisions that  
21 they make.

22 I think no one is questioning whether they  
23 are individually skilled or not. They usually are. But  
24 we are thinking about a circumstance where a lot of  
25 other people have been doing the thinking, and that guy

1 has to suddenly pick up the ball, and know that he has  
2 followed the thread of the original work approach, and  
3 the question that I wanted to ask is how sure are you  
4 that you have the continuity between the previous plan,  
5 and what you plan to do in the future as you assume the  
6 total responsibility of this plan?

7 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, as I said, we have  
8 continuing contracts, both GE and Bechtel, who are the  
9 primary design agents, of course, in the original design.

10 And we feel like number one, that we have  
11 through our training programs acquired a good knowledge  
12 of the systems and design of the system, and design  
13 methods. But it is our intent, especially on safety  
14 related systems, to do a lot of this work continues at  
15 GE and Bechtel, and we hope to take more of that on as  
16 time goes by.

17 MEMBER BENDER: That part of it is not quite  
18 what I'm trying to get, the fact that some are doing it  
19 at one place and some are doing it at another. This is  
20 not uncommon.

21 The question is, who is deciding that the  
22 right thing is being done. GE can sell a service, or it  
23 can accept responsibility. The same thing is true of most  
24 technical engineers.

25 MR. McGAUGHY: We, of course, are responsible

1 for the safe operation of the plant, and we don't and  
2 never have intended to let that rest with GE or with  
3 Bechtel, or with anyone other than ourselves.

4 We have the legal responsibility and the  
5 financial responsibility for operating and maintaining  
6 this plant.

7 Any design change that is made to the Plant,  
8 of course, is approved by the Plant Manager, his Plant,  
9 and the safety review committee.

10 MEMBER BENDER: Well, let me use an  
11 illustration that is probably ridiculous, so don't get  
12 insulted by it.

13 Suppose you decided that you wanted to take  
14 out two relief valves, which you undoubtedly will not do.  
15 But if you did, what would be the process for deciding  
16 that that was or was not an acceptable decision?

17 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, first a design change  
18 would have to be initiated by somebody; and it could  
19 occur within the Engineering Group or within Ken's Plant  
20 Staff Engineering Group.

21 In a case like that, it would have to be an  
22 Engineering reason, an Engineering judgment, on why this  
23 thing should be done. Then an engineering design change  
24 would be initiated.

25 In this case, the Engineering would probably

1 go back to GE for the Engineering to be done.

2 An unreviewed safety question, which this  
3 would most likely be, surely be, then this would go to  
4 both the Engineering, the OPS Analysis Group and  
5 Engineering, and to the Licensing Group, to look at it  
6 from a safety standpoint, at which time this, then,  
7 would have to be, then could come to a safety review  
8 committee to be approved.

9 I would really like our Manager of Project  
10 Engineering to give you some more detail, exactly how  
11 this would come about.

12 MR. CLONINGER: My name is Ted Cloninger,  
13 current Manager of Project Engineering for MP&L.

14 I would like to point out that we, at this  
15 stage in the transition of the project from the Heavy  
16 Construction, Heavy Contractor Engineering situation,  
17 we are in transition to our in-house Engineering.

18 We would like to point out that the Project  
19 Engineering Organization noted on that chart are MP&L or  
20 Middle South employees.

21 The expertise that we have gained in  
22 managing the design of basic plan will not leave. I  
23 hope I'm not going to get fired, and I'm going to be  
24 around.

25 We are in fact organizing, with our prime

1 contractors, turnover organizational programs to insure  
2 that the in-house corporate Engineering organization will  
3 be cognizant of, not only the prime design criteria, but  
4 more subtle criteria that may have existed in the early  
5 stage of the project, that would lend itself to a gap or  
6 a gap in knowledge that you may be alluding to.

7 For example, there may be some lack of  
8 knowledge in the early design criteria, as far as  
9 structural engineering, etcetera. So we do have, and it  
10 a planned, well planned organization to turn over and  
11 have a transition to the in-house organization, and in  
12 fact we are organizing our prime contractor, two  
13 organizations that would have access to the existing  
14 Bechtel original design expertise.

15 We realize that this is not going to be an  
16 overnight thing. In the early stages there will be a  
17 reliance on the bodies, so to speak, at Bechtel and GE;  
18 but we feel like it will not be a huge step, such as  
19 overnight MP&L would have to make very critical decisions.

20 So that's not very quantitative, but that  
21 is our current plan. We have embarked upon that course  
22 of action to attack very sudden .

23 MR. McCOY: Could I make a statement?

24 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes.

25 MR. McCOY: Ken McCoy, Plant Manager.

1 I think that the philosophy that we've used  
2 throughout our organization is also applicable here, and  
3 that is that we have brought into the organization  
4 experienced people from outside, from all over the  
5 industry as best we can, into the key management positions,  
6 such as Ted in the Engineering Organization, who came  
7 from Duke and prior to that from the Naval Reactors  
8 Engineering Organization.

9 The same way in each of the groups. We have  
10 tried to bring in the experienced person, and then convey  
11 that knowledge that Ted was talking about into those  
12 people that have the experience to assimilate the  
13 knowledge on this particular Plant into their background.

14 The younger engineers coming up will  
15 hopefully be able to learn from those men that we've  
16 brought in from the outside. That's the basic philosophy.

17 MEMBER BENDER: How much are you interacting  
18 with the BWR on this group? How much do they contribute  
19 to basic knowledge?

20 MR. McGAUGHY: John? Perhaps John  
21 Richardson can help you on that.

22 MR. RICHARDSON: My name is John Richardson,  
23 Manager of Safety and Licensing for MP&L.

24 We have been an active participant in the  
25 BWR in this group since its conception back in the

1 summer of 1979, following the Three Mile Island accident.  
2 I assume that's the one you're referring to?

3 MEMBER BENDER: Well, that's the only one I  
4 know about. The thing I have in mind, though, is if  
5 that group was set up largely to attack the problems  
6 that came up as a result of that accident.

7 But if you decided to make some kind of  
8 modification to the plant, is there a mechanism whereby  
9 you can touch base with the people that own similar  
10 systems and say, hey, we've decided to make some decision,  
11 some change in the Plant; what have you done about this?  
12 What kind of communication system exists for that?

13 MR. RICHARDSON: Well, besides the normal  
14 communications with any of the utilities, any problems  
15 that come up which we feel may be generic, we may be able  
16 to draw on the experience of the other utilities,  
17 problems which they have brought up before the utilities  
18 and the owners in the meeting.

19 In addition, on a day to day basis we  
20 usually can form a communication between the utilities  
21 and GE through the notepad system for input.

22 In addition, if there is any major problem  
23 that's experienced at a utility, we have the possibility  
24 of energizing regulatory response group.

25 MEMBER BENDER: All right, but that's kind

1 of procedural. That's not quite what I -- I'm not quite  
2 as comfortable with that kind of answer as I would be with  
3 something that says, I know 4 different superintendents at  
4 4 different operating plants, that I could call the ball  
5 and get a response.

6 (Several people talking at once)

7 MR. McGAUGHY: Of course, that exists through  
8 the notepad system, plus .

9 MR. RICHARDSON: Yes, we have established  
10 that kind of informal contact with other BWR's, and the  
11 formal contact in the owners' group, the one that I've  
12 been most familiar with, my Operating Superintendent has  
13 been very actively involved in the development of the  
14 GE emergency procedures, the symptom oriented procedures.

15 He has participated in all of the meetings,  
16 and has brought back to us the shared knowledge of all  
17 of the BWR's that are operating, on how to handle  
18 emergency conditions.

19 We recognize the value of that, and we are  
20 developing those contacts.

21 MEMBER BENDER: Thank you. That's what I  
22 had in mind.

23 MR. McGAUGHY: At this time I would like to  
24 ask Ken, now, to come up and talk about his operating  
25 organization.



1 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Excuse me, before you do  
2 that, would you tell us some time the nature of the  
3 Offsite Safety Review Committee, or is there one?

4 MR. McGAUGHY: The Offsite Safety Review  
5 Committee -- that's the one we're talking about, and we  
6 also have the Independent Safety Engineering Group, the  
7 Operations Analysis Group. I will tell you a little bit  
8 about both.

9 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Tell me about the Offsite  
10 Safety Review Committee.

11 MR. McGAUGHY: Okay. The Offsite Safety  
12 Review Committee is chaired by me. On that Committee  
13 is the Plant Manager, Mr. McCoy; the Manager of Nuclear  
14 Services, Larry Dale; the Manager of Safety and  
15 Licensing is the Secretary of the Group; the Manager of  
16 Quality Assurance, Tom Reaves, is on it; the Manager of  
17 Nuclear Plant Engineering, Bob Fron, is on it; the  
18 Corporate Health Physicist, Dr. McKay, is on it; there's  
19 a representative Manager of Nuclear Operations, Mr.  
20 Sharp (ph) from Middle South Services, is on that  
21 Committee.

22 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Now, how do you decide what  
23 constitutes the kinds of backgrounds, the kinds of  
24 experience, and the kinds of temperaments that you want  
25 on that Committee?

1 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, let me say one other  
2 thing. We have under consideration, and this is not  
3 from any product of NLR, because they haven't asked any  
4 questions on this subject. But we are considering,  
5 and have not yet formulated how we are going to do  
6 that, if putting representatives, some or a few, from  
7 local Universities, Mississippi State, for instance,  
8 Engineering School; perhaps in some position on the  
9 Committee, other perhaps some outside luminaries such  
10 as the gentlemen who've qualified for ACRS, or these  
11 type people, if we can find them.

12 We have not really formulated that portion  
13 of our planning yet, although that is something that we  
14 are considering.

15 In addition to that, it also is in our plan  
16 for whatever issues may come up for discussion, that the  
17 Committee has authority to obtain outside consultants,  
18 much as ACRS does, I guess, to look at specific issues  
19 that might come under review.

20 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: You've answered a question,  
21 but it's somewhat a different one.

22 MR. McGAUGHY: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And what I --  
24 (two people talking at once).

25 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, let me specifically

1 answer the question.

2 The way the Committee is constituted, it is  
3 constituted by job position names; there are certain  
4 qualifications for those jobs, and that's how it is.

5 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, I listened fairly  
6 carefully to what you said was the experience of the  
7 various people, and my recollection tells me that there  
8 is not a strong metalurgical background among those who  
9 are involved. I don't mean fuel, I mean other things.

10 I may be wrong, but you can correct me.

11 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, obviously --

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I think it's thin in  
13 Nuclear Safety, with all due regard to your Secretary.  
14 I think it's thin in system behaviour of things like  
15 BWR's, as I understood it; and I think it's thin in people  
16 whose job is not a line job, and who has to worry about  
17 making waves; if you know what I mean.

18 MR. McGAUGHY: I know what you mean.

19 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And so when I asked about  
20 how you approached setting it up, what I was wondering was,  
21 had you said, what do we need on this committee? and then,  
22 how will we get it? instead of what I would look upon as  
23 a managerial approach of -- well, it's logical to have  
24 the head of this group, and the head of that group, and so  
25 forth and so on.

1 MR. LUTKEN: Jim, may I make a comment on  
2 another aspect that we've just discussed within the  
3 last couple of days, and it speaks to your response.

4 And that is, we think there is a lot of  
5 merit in going to another utility who has an operating  
6 Plant, and getting an operations person from them to  
7 sit upon our Committee, and often they have one of our  
8 operations people serve on theirs.

9 That is, somewhere that we could bring in  
10 more operation experience to the Committee.

11 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, I think that's a  
12 good idea. That would certainly be useful in more than  
13 one way, I would imagine. So --

14 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, to answer your question,  
15 yes, we have given a lot of thought to this recently, and  
16 we are now, the Committee meeting and functioning. And  
17 we're saying, well what is it that we're really trying  
18 to do?

19 We had modeled what we had recently set up,  
20 based on what utilities have done in the past, and now  
21 we're asking ourselves, what is it in addition that we  
22 really want this Committee to do.

23 I don't have any concrete plans or proposals  
24 to give you today; but yes, we're taking these things up  
25 that we think need to be, that we have not formulated

1 additional plan of additions, based on those thought  
2 processes.

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Let me make one other  
4 observation, if I can. This is scheduled to be the first  
5 BWR-6 going into operation in this country.

6 It's also an operating group that hasn't  
7 run another BWR on your own system, although we have some  
8 people who are experienced.

9 What we know from general experience is some  
10 tendency for things to turn up the first year or two,  
11 anyway; and then, you know, just like I'm holding for  
12 Lutken to buy the first year of a new car, because of what  
13 they didn't find back in the trade.

14 You may have some of those things; and so  
15 we have a combination of potentialities that, at least in  
16 my mind, call for special over and above the ordinary kind  
17 of measures, rather than the average.

18 This is my own opinion, and we've seen it  
19 elsewhere turn out, not always purposely in these  
20 situations.

21 So I think there is some more thought needed  
22 along these lines. It might be --

23 MR. McGAUGHY: Probably to be put before the  
24 Operating Organization --

25 MEMBER BENDER: One of the things I always

1 hoped that INPO might do was provide some guidance about  
2 such matters. Presumably, it represents the best  
3 knowledge of the industry as a whole and has been set up  
4 as a way of showing that the industry has a strong  
5 competence to manage the business.

6 I find a notable lack of insight coming from  
7 that side of the industry, in helping to make such  
8 judgments. I don't think this Committee sitting here is  
9 particularly adept at deciding what your Review Committee  
10 ought to do.

11 But it's trouble is that the basis for  
12 selecting such a group is not a paramount question, and  
13 I'm wondering why you're not pressing INPO to give you  
14 that kind of guidance.

15 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, of course the initial  
16 efforts have been directed more toward operator  
17 qualifications.

18 MEMBER BENDER: Well, that's what everybody  
19 says, but I don't think that anybody that's in the nuclear  
20 community thought that that was going to be the reason why  
21 INPO couldn't do more than one thing at a time. They had  
22 to qualify operators, and therefore there wasn't anything  
23 else for it to do.

24 And I'm troubled about it, myself. That's  
25 the end of my thought.

1 MR. LUTKEN: It's a point well taken, and I  
2 do not know what is being planned. I do know that next  
3 week an INPO group is coming in and critique operations  
4 of preparedness procedure, and are going to spend the  
5 week with us.

6 So there will be some effort to go into  
7 other areas. I believe the Committee is substituting  
8 one that well would be best, and maybe in that process.

9 I don't know, but we are beginning to see  
10 some movement into areas other than just operator  
11 training qualifications.

12 MEMBER EBERSOLE: May I comment? I guess  
13 along the lines of determining what the corporate  
14 philosophy might be in the following aspects.

15 I guess your problems can come from three  
16 or four directions. I think it's the floodability yards  
17 you are going to be dealing with, and they already --  
18 you're going to have your own personal experience with  
19 this Plant.

20 A third step, which I think is important,  
21 has nothing to do with NRC; it comes from your own  
22 corporate investigation of design potentials for  
23 trouble, which you do yourself.

24 I'm not sure that you feel comfortable, or  
25 even imposed upon by the burden of Federal Regulations

1 that are put on you down at the Plant. You may think that  
2 you are well off indeed if you can comply with those; as  
3 a matter of fact, many of you who wish you didn't have to  
4 comply with them.

5 I would like to know how you feel in a  
6 corporate philosophy sense, about making your own  
7 investigations about some snakes in this design that  
8 might undo you.

9 You know if the industry marched into the  
10 jungle with its big guns, and as long as it didn't have  
11 any shoes on, the snakes would get it. And there are  
12 snakes in every design, of which we can mention a few  
13 here in these investigations.

14 I have in front of me, for instance, an IE  
15 bulletin that says, it has now been found, and it's been  
16 a long suspicious matter, that gate valves can be closed  
17 on dynamic loads, like they're supposed to.

18 You have some critical valves in this Plant  
19 which are minor little things, but the whole Plant  
20 Safety rests on -- I'm thinking, for instance, of the  
21 RCIC steam line, isolation valves, which if you had  
22 prolonged steam flow will ruin your station, unless I  
23 find out otherwise.

24 The reactor water cleanup system, which handles  
25 quite a sizeable blow of hot water of the core; if that line



1 should break, I have no personal confidence that the array  
2 of valves which are supposed to intercept that flow,  
3 will in fact work against the dynamic steam flow, as  
4 they're supposed to.

5 I would like to hear whether you look with  
6 suspicion on how it's going to start, and if the QA man  
7 looks at the specifications for such a valve and says,  
8 where are the specs that have to do with hydrodynamic  
9 loads? Where are the tests that illustrate that this  
10 thing would work? And what are the, over the 30 year  
11 lifetime of the Plant, where is the validation that it  
12 even had the ability to work in the first place, that it  
13 still has it; since most valve tests, as you well know,  
14 is just the idling, unloaded motion of the valves from  
15 one extreme to the other, position.

16 I'm getting at, what is your corporate  
17 intuition that's needed for making your own personal  
18 investigation into the design ethics?

19 MR. McGAUGHY: Okay. First, as you stated,  
20 there is a tremendous amount of work that we do as  
21 primary response to the Regulatory people, and one could  
22 argue that perhaps this certainly does have an effect of  
23 taking our lines of thoughts away from looking at things  
24 independently to assess the problems.

25 One way that we do this is under the

1 procedure outlined by Mr. McCoy.

2 Another way, of course, is in our Quality  
3 Assurance Program. Mr. Reaves, could you comment? Tom  
4 Reaves is our Manager of Quality Assurance; how they  
5 look at this.

6 MR. REAVES: We have capabilities for  
7 anyone during the construction process on file, essential  
8 to the 55-B, and we have several that's been filed on  
9 designs, where someone felt like like the design area  
10 itself might be in question.

11 Our program requires that if have an  
12 allegation, or something of that nature, that it be  
13 documented and treated as a non-performance and run  
14 through our non-performance control system.

15 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Does this mean that you  
16 analyze **specifications** for functional adequacy?

17 MR. REAVES: Quality Assurance does not.

18 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, what does your  
19 **corporate** organization do about this?

20 MR. McGAUGHY: One of the jobs of our  
21 Independent Safety Engineering or Operational Analysis  
22 Group will be, of course, number one, to develop the  
23 capability to understand the systems and to look at  
24 system operation from the independent standpoint.

25 But in addition they will develop the

1 capability to look at individual components specifications  
2 to see if indeed they meet not just in that criteria, but  
3 what the intent of the service is and whether they are  
4 adequate to meet the service of this design modification  
5 plan.

6 MEMBER BENDER: Let me comment, though.  
7 You've got hundreds of valves, for instance. And a valve  
8 is a valve is a valve. It's just where it's placed that  
9 it takes -- whether it has to be good or not.

10 Where are the people who know the implications,  
11 understand the implications of these valves failing to  
12 function properly?

13 Where in your organization is the realization  
14 that if these things don't do what they're supposed to do,  
15 then you're in big trouble?

16 MR. McGAUGHY: Well, now the realization, is  
17 is a simple question. Number one, the realization of the  
18 importance by the Engineering Group and the Independent  
19 Safety Engineering Group; of course the people that  
20 maintain the valves and operate them are the ones who  
21 immediately become aware of whether these things are  
22 actually going to function right or not.

23 MEMBER BENDER: Remember, they never function  
24 when you need them most.

25 MR. McGAUGHY: Okay. They isolate -- these

1 particular isolations --

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Maybe I can put the comment  
3 in a different way, since I don't think Mr. Ebersole will  
4 do it. He used to have the job of looking at these Plants  
5 (Laughter) and trying to figure out what was wrong with  
6 them.

7 And that's a very impossible kind of job;  
8 you make enemies with everybody else in the company, and  
9 it doesn't have much future with regard to getting up the  
10 ladder, either.

11 (Laughter)

12 But do you in fact even have anybody in the  
13 Company, or group of people who have that job; is another  
14 way of phrasing his question.

15 MR. McGAUGHY: We'll ask Ken to comment on  
16 that.

17 MR. McCOY: Ken McCoy. I'd like to comment  
18 on this. Yes, this is one that we have given a lot of  
19 thought to, and I do think it would be aggressor  
20 philosophy.

21 Number one, we have tried to relieve the  
22 people that are responsible for evaluating performance in  
23 the Plant from much of the day to day regulatory  
24 administrative things. We have done this by a set of  
25 tools, if you will, to keep up with all the regulatory

1 requirements, and people to do that, without distracting  
2 our Technical Engineering Group.

3 We have in that Group 17 Engineers on my  
4 staff, a group that is dedicated -- what we call the Plant  
5 Engineering Group, to the performance of the Plant. We  
6 have tried to instill in these people, not the normal,  
7 what I would call the fossil plant performance kind of  
8 background; but that they always start with an understanding  
9 of the safety analysis of the entire Plant.

10 And then the Engineers have responsibilities  
11 for specific systems within the Plant. It is their  
12 responsibility to look for potential problems, and  
13 identify potential problems, much the same as Mr. Ebersole  
14 did in walking through the Plant yesterday.

15 We have in place procedures to get those  
16 evaluated with the proper depth. We don't have that  
17 depth in our Staff, but we think we have enough knowledge  
18 to bring to light a lot of these kinds of potential  
19 problems.

20 We have brought many of them to light during  
21 our Construction Program. I am sure there are many  
22 snakes still there, and we're still looking.

23 In addition, we are trying to develop within  
24 that Operation Analysis Group, a broader kind of search  
25 capability. That's why we've gone to the Retran Codes

1 for that Operation Analysis Group.

2 We'd like to, if we see an anomaly in a  
3 Plant transient that was not anticipated, we would like to  
4 go to the Operation Analysis Group and request a detailed  
5 study of that. What are the implications? Was that due  
6 to a faulty performance of a valve that was not  
7 anticipated. Those kinds of things.

8 I don't know that there's any way that you  
9 can address this problem that you are talking about, other  
10 than by management philosophy.

11 And that's what I'm trying to give you a  
12 feeling for; that we do think we have that management  
13 philosophy.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, I didn't pick those  
15 topics without having looked into them.

16 I would suggest that next time we meet, that  
17 you tell us the result, to what degree you have  
18 accomplished --

19 (Reporter changed tapes)

20 MR. EBERSOLE: Did you get what I said?

21 REPORTER: I didn't get that last part.

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I said if we hypothesized  
23 that the main feeder water lines come apart, like  
24 at some suitable positions like after the main feeder  
25 water turbines at the pumps.

1 MR. McCOY: Those problems that you mention  
2 are not unheard of to us, and we will be prepared to  
3 address them at the next meeting.

4 MR. McGAUGHY: Now these figures that I have  
5 shown you are support personnel, and Ken will tell us  
6 about the Operation and Maintenance Program.

7 MR. McCOY: I'll start by just running through  
8 the Organization, and I realize that this is not your  
9 primary interest, so that we can talk further about --  
10 this is the Organization structure of the Plant.

11 There is a philosophy in the structure, that  
12 is that the Assistant Plant Manager has the responsibility  
13 for all of the activities out in the Plant, work  
14 activities; and I'll talk more about that in just a few  
15 minutes.

16 And the Support Manager has the Staff  
17 responsibilities for the Plant. We have the Quality  
18 Superintendent at the Plant who reports directly to the  
19 Plant Manager. His primary responsibility under our  
20 Operations ~~Q.A. program is Quality Control.~~

21 As you've already seen, our Quality Assurance  
22 Organization reports offsite. But we do not call him a  
23 Quality Control Superintendent. We call him a Quality  
24 Superintendent. The reason is that he is available to  
25 the Plant Manager to do reviews of Administrative

1 Programs to assure Quality, in addition to his Quality  
2 Control activities, and we do have formal procedures to  
3 do that.

4 We instituted a new administrative control  
5 procedure, and after a short period of time I asked him  
6 to do a review, a program review, and assess how well  
7 that administrative control had been carried out.

8 This is the Support Organization. As you  
9 can see, we have several typical administrative type  
10 activities here, but the real crux of his job is the  
11 technical support of the plant, and a Technical Support  
12 Superintendent reports to him, and we have broken up in  
13 our Technical Group on the Staff into 3 areas.

14 These areas -- we did this after visiting  
15 quite a few BWR Plants and looking at the technical  
16 workload in the Plant.

17 The first is the Maintenance Engineering,  
18 and we discovered that if you are going to do the  
19 maintenance and modification work properly, using well  
20 thought out procedures in doing maintenance; and I  
21 strongly believe that a well designed system is only as  
22 good as it is maintained.

23 If you are going to maintain it properly,  
24 you need an Engineering Group that provides those  
25 procedures, and that's what our Group does.



1                   We have a Reactor Engineering Group who is  
2 responsible for the core management on a day to day basis.  
3 And in addition, the shift Technical Advisors report to  
4 this Group. I discussed part of this with you yesterday  
5 in the Control Room, our philosophy for having shift  
6 Technical Advisors to be qualified the same as our  
7 Engineers.

8                   On BWR we feel that the operators can quickly  
9 get into a problem where they would like to have advice  
10 from a qualified Reactor Engineer. So we built our STA  
11 program on top of the Reactor Engineering training that  
12 had already been provided to our Nuclear Engineers.

13                   Then we have the Technical Engineering  
14 Supervisor. This is the Plant Engineering Group that I  
15 was talking about earlier, that does the plant performance  
16 and analyses of plant problems.

17                   They have the Engineers assigned to specific  
18 systems; they review the performance of those systems;  
19 resolve problems; initiate design change requests; work  
20 with people in Plant Engineering to get appropriate  
21 modifications.

22                   Then we have a Licensing Engineer that is  
23 just responsible for being assured that all our LER's  
24 and IE bulletin compliance is done properly, and so  
25 forth.

1 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Ken, may I ask you where  
2 is there up there, this unit I would say, that you are  
3 going to tell something like this: I don't want to have  
4 something hit me in the face; it's your job to see that  
5 that doesn't happen.

6 Who are you going to tell?

7 MR. McCOY: When you say something fly up  
8 and hit me in the face are you talking about --

9 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I am anticipating an event  
10 that gets very messy indeed.

11 MR. McCOY: Okay. I expect the Technical  
12 Engineering Supervisor to be looking at that, and looking  
13 for potentials, not just real problems that have already  
14 surfaced, but potential problems.

15 MEMBER EBERSOLE: So what's that man's  
16 background?

17 MR. McCOY: That man's background is that  
18 he was a Reactor Operator, Navy type, went back to college  
19 and got a Nuclear Engineering Degree, and has been  
20 associated with this project since its inception.

21 He did a lot of the licensing work initially,  
22 and is very familiar with the Safety Analysis of the Plant  
23 from the beginning. He worked in that area.

24 He has held numerous jobs in our Staff as  
25 we've gone through construction. In addition, he has gone

1 through the whole Simulator Program with the Operators,  
2 and has obtained an SRO Certification. And that basically  
3 is his background.

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Is he familiar with the --  
5 in some detail -- with the RRS MAP Study on Grand Gulf  
6 that we were told about yesterday?

7 MR. McCOY: Whether he is familiar -- the  
8 RRS MAP Report, as you know, has not been issued yet.

9 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Yes, but you obviously  
10 have the results, which I don't.

11 MR. McCOY: Yes. Let me introduce Allison  
12 Curry (ph), who is the Capital Superintendent, and I  
13 will direct that question to him.

14 Allen, are you familiar with the preliminary  
15 results of RSSMAP?

16 MR. CURRY: I reviewed the first draft.

17 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I don't mean the results,  
18 but the detailed, you know, **event trees** and **this sort of**  
19 **thing**. I'm just trying to understand.

20 MR. CURRY: I have reviewed the first draft,  
21 but I have not seen the results yet.

22 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I am trying to understand  
23 that when you say draft -- yesterday we heard a  
24 presentation from, I think Mr. Hobbs it was, in which he  
25 mentioned certain kinds of things that they might have

1 done differently. That was a kind of detailed comment.

2 You have that kind of familiarity with the  
3 analysis, some kind of --

4 MR. CURRY: I believe some of those comments  
5 they've made probably came from --

6 REPORTER: Just a minute, please. If you  
7 are talking from the floor, it will not pick up, and I'm  
8 afraid I'm going to need these tapes.

9 (Speaker came to podium)

10 MR. CURRY: Do you want me to repeat this?

11 REPORTER: No, I've got what you said so  
12 far.

13 MR. CURRY: I believe probably some of the  
14 comments that you are referring to may have -- one that  
15 comes to mind has to do with maintenance on valves,  
16 double verification, etcetera, and the probability of  
17 that valve probably being left in a closed position after  
18 maintenance was done on it; that may have been some of  
19 the comments Mr. Hobbs talked about yesterday.

20 By the way, I was not here yesterday.

21 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Okay, I'm sorry.

22 MR. CURRY: I'm just trying to recall some  
23 of the comments that I gave to him after we reviewed the  
24 study.

25 MR. McCOY: Dr. Okrent, since Al wan't here

1 yesterday, let me comment that some of those points that  
2 our Manager of Safety was bringing out were originated by  
3 our Tech Group at the Staff, doing a review, and I do  
4 understand your line of questioning as to the depth that  
5 we understand the techniques used in those studies, and  
6 the importance of that.

7 One other comment that I would make is that  
8 the Operations Analysis Group is located physically at  
9 the site, and there is a close contact between our  
10 Technical Superintendent and the Operations Analysis  
11 Group.

12 And they have the tools to actually do those  
13 kinds of studies. Now, I'll have to be honest and say  
14 that we are just growing into that, but we intend to  
15 have that capability.

16 Next I would like to talk about the Line  
17 Organization out at the Plant. We did not arrive at this  
18 organization lightly, either. We visited a lot of  
19 Plants and talked to the ways the Plant could function  
20 best in getting the work done.

21 And as you know, it's become apparent since  
22 Three Mile Island that you need expertise, not only in  
23 Operation and Maintenance, but in Chemistry and Radiation  
24 Control on shift in the Plant.

25 So the Assistant Plant Manager has all the

1 groups of people that he needs out there on shift around  
2 the clock to provide that kind of service. In addition,  
3 of course, we have the STA, which provides that link to  
4 the Technical Group.

5 I will talk about the individual groups here  
6 in just a minute. I am sure you are interested in the  
7 Operation Organization, so I will go to that next.

8 I think I had my slides backwards. This is  
9 the Organization; this is the Operations Organization.

10 Reporting to the Operations Superintendent  
11 we have two primary groups, that's the Radwaste (ph)  
12 Group. Our Radwaste Plant is located physically separate  
13 from the unit. We did not go into that on the Plant tour,  
14 but it's on the south end the turbin hall.

15 We have Radwaste Operators and a Supervisor  
16 that runs that Organization. We feel that that Plant --  
17 and it is essentially Plant into itself, with  
18 interconnections to the Operating Units, deserves full  
19 time attention, so we have got a Supervisor and a group  
20 of Operators that run that Radwaste Plant. They report  
21 to the Operations Superintendent.

22 The Shift Superintendent has overall  
23 responsibility for all operations on the site, and for  
24 at least 2/3 of the time at the Plant he is my direct  
25 representative, and has the full authority of the Plant

1 Manager to act in my absence.

2 The Shift Supervisor is a SRO, and he is  
3 responsible for overseeing the operation of a particular  
4 unit. We'll have two Shift Supervisors when we have two  
5 units in operation.

6 Both the Shift Superintendent and the Shift  
7 Supervisor are management personnel who hold SRO licenses  
8 on the unit.

9 We have Nuclear Operator A's who are the  
10 Control Panel Operators and hold Reactor Operator licenses.  
11 We have two of those in the Control Room.

12 Our philosophy -- I discussed a little bit  
13 of it while we were in the Control Room -- is that there  
14 is one licensed Operator available to operate the Back  
15 Panels under the direction of the Licensed Operator at  
16 the Controls.

17 Another reason for that arrangement is our  
18 reviews of some studies that have been done in the last  
19 couple of years indicate that performance of Operating  
20 personnel on Control Panels deteriorates after about 4  
21 hours or so, and so we intend to rotate those 2  
22 individuals in the middle of the shift, so each one of  
23 them spends 4 hours on the actual Control Panel, but  
24 there is that continuity because they are both there for  
25 the entire shift period.

1                   We have non-licensed Operator B's. They are  
2 the Operators who have completed the entire System and  
3 Component Training Program for the Plant, and they are  
4 now in training for moving up to the licensed status.

5                   Then we have Auxiliary Operators, who are at  
6 a lower portion of the training program and are only  
7 qualified in particular areas of the Plant that they are  
8 working in.

9                   This Organization consists of approximately  
10 60 people.

11                   MEMBER BENDER: Ken, with regard to the  
12 relationship of this Organization, or a part of your  
13 Organization; Maintenance, for example. What degree does  
14 the Operating Unit participate in organizing maintenance  
15 activities?

16                   MR. McCOY: Okay. The maintenance activities,  
17 the scheduling of those activities and the organization  
18 of when they are going to be done to fit into the  
19 Operational Schedule, is done by the Operations  
20 Superintendent.

21                   At the present time he chairs our Plan of  
22 the Day Committee at the Plant, which puts out the  
23 authorized work to be done. This includes includes the  
24 maintenance work.

25                   Before Fuel Load we will be instituting a



1 Plan of the Day that will be chaired by the Plant Manager  
2 on a daily basis, and again the Operations Superintendent  
3 will make the decisions at that meeting on what he can  
4 support from the standpoint of meeting our overall goals  
5 for the Plant, and supporting the Plant conditions  
6 necessary for maintenance or protesting.

7 MEMBER BENDER: You can't read my mind. Let  
8 me try to expand my thought on that.

9 One of the things that I've noticed, and  
10 others, is that a large fraction of events that cause  
11 trouble in Nuclear Power Plants occur because of  
12 maintenance or the test organization doing something that  
13 the Operators are not aware of.

14 Or, they're doing something that the Operators  
15 want them to do, but the consequences of doing it were  
16 not well described, and I am curious to know how that  
17 understanding is developed.

18 MR. McCOY: I understand your question and  
19 I have made the same observation myself, so we'll try to  
20 build that into our program.

21 Number one, the Shift Superintendent  
22 personally approves and controls all work that's going  
23 on in the Plant, and all testing. You may have noticed  
24 yesterday, we have an Administrative Office for that  
25 Shift Superintendent, and he sits right outside the

1 Control Room, and he spends most of his time providing  
2 providing that kind of coordination for all the things  
3 that are going on.

4 The Shift Supervisor is the man that's  
5 directly responsible for the operation of the Reactor,  
6 and he is not detracted from his primary duties to do  
7 this coordination. I consider both of those things  
8 important, and that's why we have 2 management SRO's on  
9 shift.

10 We have administrative procedures set up  
11 such that no work or testing goes on without the knowledge  
12 of the Shift Superintendent, and he can stop any testing  
13 or maintenance at any time.

14 In addition he approves all clearances or  
15 tag-outs of equipment in order to make it available for  
16 maintenance. This is something that you can't -- you can  
17 put it in writing as a responsibility, but you just have  
18 to work continuously to get into people that we are  
19 trying to do this.

20 And that is the philosophy to our Shift  
21 Superintendents that they need to understand everything  
22 that's going on out in that Plant; not just tag out a  
23 portion of the Plant and say, Okay you can have that for  
24 maintenance.

25 They need to know; they need to review the

1 the maintenance work order and make sure that the  
2 maintenance is going to be done and doesn't have a  
3 potential to affect another system.

4 And so we have provided a place there, a  
5 separate area for him to meet with the people who are  
6 going to do maintenance or do testing, and discuss those  
7 issues; and we have provided a requirement that he actually  
8 sign the maintenance work order before work begins. And  
9 the signature means that he understands the work.

10 One other point there before I get away from  
11 it. We also look at it from the other side. We think  
12 that one way to prevent those kind of problems is by  
13 providing a good understanding of the Plant to the people  
14 who do maintenance; particularly our Instrument Control  
15 Group.

16 That Group has the potential of causing a  
17 lot of operational problems. So we try and put them  
18 through a very similar systems, goals, and understanding  
19 course as we do for our non-licensed Operations, in  
20 addition to their Specialized Instrument Control Training.

21 MEMBER BENDER: Well it still leaves open  
22 one piece of the problem. The burden seems to rest on  
23 the supervision, which is probably the right place to  
24 put responsibility.

25 But the communication between the people that

1 are doing the functions down at the hardware and the people  
2 in the Control Room; it still seems to require more  
3 direct communication, because often the guy in the Control  
4 Room doesn't know what the man downstairs is doing.

5 Is there some kind of telephone understanding,  
6 or something of that sort that goes with that?

7 MR. McCOY: Yes. One of the things that  
8 bothered me when I looked at the design of our Plant;  
9 it's such a large physical Plant, that I had difficulty  
10 perceiving how the Operator at the Controls could be in  
11 contact with the people at the various work sites or  
12 Operators throughout the Plant.

13 We ended up addressing that problem by  
14 putting in a very reliable radio system and putting in  
15 additional channels, much more than other Plants. We  
16 have 6 designated radio frequencies, and each Maintenance  
17 Crew that goes out in the Plant has a radio.

18 We have one channel dedicated just to  
19 Maintenance, and the communications is there all the  
20 time between the Control Room and wherever the Maintenance  
21 is.

22 We also have a critical area, which we  
23 built in sound power foam circuits, which limit the  
24 amount -- like for instance when you're instrument  
25 calibration, when there's constant communication, you

1 don't want that over radio circuits, so we do have sound  
2 power foam circuits in those locations.

3 MEMBER BENDER: All right. Thank you.

4 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Let me ask another  
5 question. Suppose I'm a workman in the Plant and I go  
6 into one of your battery rooms and I hear the exhaust  
7 fans rattling away, and I've got to make an immediate  
8 decision that I've got to shut it down and repair it, and  
9 it might take me a half a day or so.

10 Are there tech specs on this thing; is that --

11 MR. McCOY: Would you repeat what piece of  
12 equipment?

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: This is the exhaust fans  
14 in the battery room. Well, I don't know myself whether  
15 they are or not. But let me go on.

16 It's easy for me to say at that time that  
17 that battery is on a saturation charge; and you're  
18 involving copious amounts of hydrogen.

19 How do you start out what you're going to  
20 do about that matter? What precautions are automatically  
21 instigated when a man says I'm going to repair the fan?

22 MR. McCOY: Okay. Well first of all, the  
23 Maintenance man cannot secure that piece of equipment  
24 without approval from the Control Room.

25 Realizing that there are time when emergencies

1 dictate actions, and those actions will be looked at in  
2 retrospect, but the rules are that he does not operate  
3 equipment without permission from the Control Room.

4 The second thing is that in the particular  
5 case that you are talking about, that decision has got  
6 to be made by the Shift Supervisor for that unit, and he  
7 has that responsibility to provide the backup equipment.

8 In this case, what I would do in your  
9 specific case is get a red devil into the room  
10 immediately to provide ventilation while that fan was  
11 out. That would be his responsibility to do that; to  
12 see that it's done.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

14 MR. McCOY: I would next like to talk about  
15 the experience level of the people in the Plant. Let me  
16 get my slides in order here.

17 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I wonder; I think we're  
18 about at 9:15 on the Agenda, but it's actually 10:30,  
19 and maybe, since I'm also going to want to hear from the  
20 Staff on this topic, it might be a good time to take  
21 a 10 minute break.

22 We'll resume with you and the members of  
23 the Staff on the same topic after the break. So, about  
24 10 minutes.

25 (There was a short recess)

1 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: This meeting will again  
2 come to order.

3 MR. McCOY: I will now go into the  
4 qualifications of the Staff personnel, and I'll start by  
5 embracing an area that was embraced earlier on the Plant  
6 Managers.

7 In fact, I had 10 years of Navy Nuclear  
8 experience, including Senior Watch Stander on three types  
9 of Reactor Plants; a Reactor Training Instructor for  
10 several years at a prototype facility; and then I've had  
11 7 years of commercial Nuclear Project experience in  
12 various management position during the construction of  
13 Grand Gulf.

14 I went through the Simulator Certification  
15 Program, the entire Operator's Training Program, and was  
16 certified as an SRO and BWR-6 simulator. I recognize  
17 that there is a weakness in my background. I have no  
18 BWR operating experience, and we tried to compensate for  
19 that in two ways.

20 The first is that I have spent time at  
21 operating BWR's, and I've visited quite a few different  
22 BWR's to get a base of experience, and in different types  
23 of operating conditions, such as refuels and normal  
24 operations.

25 In addition we've tried to compensate for

1 that by building into the Staff an extra amount of BWR  
2 experience in the next levels, and I'll talk about that  
3 in a minute.

4 The Assistant Plant Manager has 4 years of  
5 Navy Nuclear experience and 12 years of commercial Nuclear  
6 Power experience. All of that is on BWR's.

7 He was the Shift Supervisor during initial  
8 startups of a BWR. Prior to that he had an Engineer on  
9 the Design and Construction phase. Then he was the  
10 Operations Supervisor of a BWR for 5 years immediately  
11 prior to taking this job. And of course he has owned  
12 an SRO license the entire time.

13 That particular plant was a nine mile  
14 point plant.

15 Our Support Services Manager, as Jim McGaughy  
16 discussed earlier, has a lot of years of commercial  
17 Nuclear Power experience, and all of that is associated  
18 with BWR types of plants.

19 He was employed by General Electric Company  
20 in various roles, including being on loan to a utility  
21 as a Maintenance Superintendent. This was Peach Bottom.

22 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Could you tell me what  
23 else he did for General Electric?

24 MR. McCOY: Yes, he was a Site Operations  
25 Manager at Duane Arnold, which General Electric now



1 provides a -- at each operating facility, they have a  
2 resident Site Operations Manager, I believe they call  
3 them.

4 He also did turbin installation work and  
5 check cuts for General Electric, and he was assigned by  
6 General Electric to Three Mile Island at the time of the  
7 accident to provide support at Three Mile Island.

8 Those are some of the things that I recall.

9 The Operations Superintendent has 5 years  
10 as a Reactor Operator, research reactor, at one of the  
11 National labs.

12 He has 14 years commercial Nuclear Power  
13 Plant experience. This experience has consisted of being  
14 a -- all of this is BWR experience, by the way -- of  
15 being a Reactor Operator, Senior Reactor Operator, a  
16 Shift Supervisor, and an Assistant Ops Supervisor on  
17 BWR's.

18 He was at Yankee's -- Yankee Vermont Plant  
19 as a Shift Supervisor during the startup and early  
20 operation of that plant.

21 Our Maintenance Superintendent has 3 years  
22 of Navy Nuclear experience, including qualification as  
23 an Engineer Officer of the Watch; 15 years of commercial  
24 Nuclear Power Plant experience, including working as a  
25 Startup Engineer on BWR's for General Electric, and as

1 an Operations Advisor to utilities operating BWR's, again  
2 for General Electric; as a Simulator Instructor at the  
3 Dresden? Simulator Facility for General Electric, and his  
4 duties there included certification of license candidates.

5 The Chemistry and Radiation Control

6 Superintendent has 5 years of experience as a Reactor  
7 Operation on a research reactor. He has a degree in  
8 Physics, and specializes in the area of Health Physics.

9 Prior to coming with us, he spent 7 years  
10 at Point Beach as a Health Physics Supervisor on that  
11 two-unit BWR. I might point out that it has been our  
12 evaluation that Point Beach has had one of the most  
13 successful ALARA programs and Radiation Control  
14 Programs, and it is not an accident that we went there to  
15 look for experience.

16 We have 7 Shift Superintendent. The 7  
17 consist of the **two officers** ~~opposed~~ that you saw on the  
18 slide. Both of those men are qualified as Shift  
19 Superintendents, and 5 are normal Shift Superintendents.

20 They have a total of 37 years Nuclear  
21 Operations experience, and a total of 24 years BWR  
22 Operation experience.

23 They participated in the entire pre-operational  
24 program; all of these men have. This was one of the areas  
25 in the SER that was suggested that we might want to have

1 some outside expertise on the Shift.

2 I would like to address that point. We  
3 realized that we needed to have Operational experienced  
4 people on each Shift. General Electric provides Startup  
5 Engineers who are Operational experienced and qualified  
6 on BWR-6 on our Shifts.

7 In addition, though, we felt that we needed  
8 to have that experience in our own organization, and the  
9 man that has the responsibility not in a consulting role.  
10 So what we did, we attempted to find Shift Supervisors  
11 who had been previously licensed on BWR's.

12 We were able to find 3 of those gentlemen.  
13 One was the Shift Supervisor at Quad Cities; the other  
14 2 were Reactor Operators, one at Nine Mile and one at  
15 Hatch, and in both cases they were ready for promotion  
16 to Shift Supervisor positions.

17 And then we took 2 Engineers who had been  
18 through our program from the beginning, and had  
19 participated in the entire construction startup period.  
20 They went through the licensed Operator Training Program,  
21 including the simulator certification as SRO's, and then  
22 we sent them to Vermont? Yankee for 6 months, where they  
23 participated in, they actually worked for the Operations  
24 Superintendent there and were assigned their own shifts.

25 They were given line responsibilities,

1 including the refueling coordinators on particular Shifts  
2 during refueling outage, and we feel that that provided  
3 those gentlemen with sufficient experience to act as  
4 the Shift Superintendents.

5 Those are the 5 gentlemen that we are  
6 planning to use for the Shift Superintendent for the  
7 power ascension up to 100% while we gain that experience  
8 in our Staff.

9 We also have Shift Supervisors; five of  
10 these men; they have a total of 45 years Nuclear  
11 experience. Most of those come out of the Nuclear Navy  
12 experience, and I made the comment here that prior to  
13 100% power operation, each Shift will have at least 1 SRO  
14 with at least 6 months BWR operating experience under his  
15 belt. And all participated in the pre-operation program.

16 That concludes my remarks on the Plant Staff  
17 and I am prepared to go into the next Agenda item on  
18 Training, if you have no other questions.

19 MEMBER BENDER: Just one point, Ken. You  
20 commented on the fact that Point Beach had a remarkably  
21 good record with respect to **ALARA** and Radiation  
22 considerations.

23 I wonder if you could give us some insight  
24 as to how you are going to determine whether your Plant  
25 has a good **an ALARA** approach?

1 MR. McCOY: Okay. I hope I don't get into  
2 trouble with Glen Reed (ph) for repeating some of his  
3 philosophies here that have led to success, as they have  
4 been second hand repeated to me.

5 In general, he attributes much of his  
6 ALARA success to a tight supervision of work in  
7 radiation areas. And in particular, awareness of all of  
8 the first line Supervisors at the Plant of Radiation  
9 Control procedures, and the necessity for maintaining  
10 exposure as low as possible.

11 An example of what I mean is that each  
12 Supervisor there, whether he's directly responsible for  
13 the work or not, is held accountable if he sees any bad  
14 practise, or too many people watering an area, or  
15 anything of that nature, that he takes immediate action  
16 to correct that and brings it to the attention of the  
17 Radiation Control personnel.

18 One of the things that I've seen that tends  
19 to happen in a large nuclear installations today,  
20 particularly large outages where there may be several  
21 thousand people on a site, is that that feeling of  
22 responsibility for maintaining radiation control is very  
23 difficult to get through to everyone.

24 He's attempted to do that by number one,  
25 maintaining the numbers of people during outages as low

1 as possible; and number two, making sure that his first  
2 line Supervisors realize their responsibility to insure  
3 that that **ALARA** is taken out; is taken into  
4 accounting.

5 In addition to that, we have attempted to do  
6 the more traditional things in doing **ALARA** reviews  
7 of the design. We have a program to do that on a  
8 continuing basis.

9 We have made numerous modifications to the  
10 Plant in order to reduce potential exposures during  
11 maintenance on areas where we know we're going to have  
12 high maintenance, and the potential high exposure.

13 For instance, on the scram discharge volume,  
14 we're putting in a modification prior to fuel load that  
15 will put access ports on the scram discharge volume so  
16 that it can be **hydrolased** prior to going into  
17 maintenance on ACU areas.

18 That has been an area of high radiation  
19 exposure in the past on BWR's. So we looked at the  
20 design aspects. We have an administrative control  
21 program, which I feel incorporates the best experience  
22 in the industry today. We've looked at a lot of people's  
23 programs; we've had the INPO review our program; we've  
24 had American Nuclear Insurers to review our administrative  
25 controls for radiation exposure, and we think we have a

1 good administrative controls program.

2 MEMBER BENDER: Well, if I were to ask you  
3 the name of the 6 things that contribute, that have  
4 contributed most to exposure in the BWR's within the last  
5 10 years, what 6 would you list?

6 MR. McCOY: Okay. Number one, the largest  
7 area is in the maintenance area, the largest areas of  
8 exposures.

9 Things that have led to the highest exposures  
10 have been the modifications to the internals of the  
11 vessel, the feed water \_\_\_\_\_ modification jobs  
12 and so forth. And I can't recall having read a --

13 MEMBER BENDER: I don't care whether you  
14 are right or not; I just want to know what your  
15 conception is of the 6 most important --

16 MR. McCOY: All right, that's what I'm  
17 giving you; I just want to be sure you understood that  
18 what I am giving you here is based on those kinds of  
19 reports.

20 The internals work that had to be done in  
21 the vessels has been a high exposure job. The work in  
22 the drywell area, particularly the ACU inspections that  
23 have to be done on every outage in a BWR have been high  
24 exposure jobs.

25 We have made a modification at Grand Gulf

1 to cut down on that. We walked in on that rack yesterday;  
2 that rack is all pneumatically controlled, and we can  
3 reduce the number of people that have to be involved in  
4 that, and we can also speed up the removal of those  
5 devices.

6 We've also built a shielding device to go  
7 around the coupling spud on the CRD, which is one of the  
8 hot spots.

9 I've already mentioned the ACU areas as one  
10 of the areas of high radiation.

11 MEMBER BENDER: Let me pick one that will,  
12 the people on the site, and that is the Inservice  
13 Inspection.

14 MR. McCOY: Yes, we have addressed that and  
15 during the life of the Plant that is going to be one of  
16 our major contributors to the manual codes at the  
17 Plant. In particular, the difficulties are associated  
18 with the piping that runs through the drywell and the  
19 containment, getting access to those wells, particularly  
20 the ones near the vessel.

21 I mentioned to you yesterday that we use a  
22 remote device for doing the actual vessel inspection  
23 wells, but we have to be able to get into each of the  
24 nozzle areas and install a device on a track, and some  
25 of that work has to actually be done by men. We couldn't



1 design automatic devices, so we expect that to be one of  
2 our major contributors, but we did design our program to  
3 try to minimize radiation, during the ISI program.

4 MEMBER BENDER: Well, rather than trying to  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ you on what the things are, if you were developing  
6 an **ALARA** program, and Mr. Reaves came in and  
7 said, I'm going to concentrate on making sure that I  
8 don't have anybody in the area that doesn't need to be  
9 there. I am sure there are going to be lots of arguments  
10 as to how many people need to be there and how fast they  
11 can get in and out.

12 What other people are worried about it besides  
13 Mr. Reaves? There's you, of course, but you're going to  
14 be busy.

15 MR. McCOY: Okay. We have a Radiation Work  
16 Permit procedure, and a part of that is any work that has  
17 a significant exposure will be reviewed by our HB  
18 Department, or Rad Controls Department, and reviewed for  
19 **ALARA** considerations. What can be done to minimize  
20 the exposure during this particular job, and that is a  
21 part of the Radiation Work Permit procedure.

22 In addition, we have on each shift a  
23 Radiation Control Technician, and that man is responsible  
24 for monitoring all activities that are going on, that  
25 may have exposures during outages , we're going to

1 have more than one, but I am talking about normal routine.  
2 He's there to insure that proper RADCON procedures are  
3 being followed, and as I already stated, I believe that  
4 you also have to instill that in your line of responsible  
5 people.

6 MEMBER BENDER: Well, one last aspect of it  
7 and I will stop. Some of that usually comes from the  
8 regular failure, and what gets into the coolant.

9 Who makes judgment concerning what can go  
10 into the coolant, setting aside the tech specs, and  
11 whether it's wise to do anything about it or not?

12 MR. McCOY: Okay. Yes, that's a significant  
13 area that I didn't address. We are looking at that area  
14 very carefully.

15 The biggest thing that we can do at the  
16 Plant is to insure that the core is operated as  
17 conservatively as possible, and I mentioned we have an  
18 STA on each shift who is a Reactor Engineer.

19 In addition, we are installing an advanced  
20 core monitoring system in the Control Room. This has a  
21 CRT display that shows the thermal hydraulic limits in  
22 a real time basis, and it also has the capability to  
23 predict your limits after rod motion.

24 We expect to have that in during the first  
25 cycle of the Plant's life, and that will allow us to

1 operate more conservatively.

2 MEMBER BENDER: Let me make an observation.  
3 You're looking around for the man that's going to advise  
4 you. If he thinks about those kinds of things, as  
5 opposed to being somebody that tries to figure out what  
6 the Operator is supposed to do, you may get a good  
7 overview of where your problem areas might be.

8 That's just a personal opinion, but another  
9 operator is not all that useful, and I hope you'll keep  
10 that in mind.

11 MR. McCOY: I will.

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I think that we should  
13 hear from the Staff on the topic we've just been dealing  
14 with, Utility, Capability and Organization, and before  
15 we proceed on, we'll hear from them.

16 MR. SCHWENCER: All right. About all I can  
17 do is repeat what we have in the SER in Chapter 13. This  
18 gives the status of current review of the management  
19 operational levels for the Grand Gulf Station.

20 The Staff will be meeting with MP&L here  
21 next week on Points 3, 4 and 5 for more of an indepth  
22 review of these areas. There we'll look at the Staffing  
23 of the Plant as to the Nuclear Engineering capabilities,  
24 the level of experience, the Engineering support.

25 At this moment it's open, or it's an open

1 issue. We will await next week's audit.

2 The nuclear experience looks good from a  
3 Navy background, but does need further support on BWR  
4 experience at the management level. We've recommended  
5 the use of advisor approach.

6 The Operations level looks strong. The  
7 pipe line for license examination may be short. The  
8 summary that has been given here is that MP&L is perhaps  
9 not the best, and they're certainly not the worst.

10 We realize that we have laid many new  
11 requests on the Applicant. MP&L is certainly responsive,  
12 and they agree that there are areas for improvement; and  
13 the Staff feels that they will be in a better position --  
14 or MP&L will be in a better position after the audit is  
15 completed.

16 The results of this audit will be available  
17 before the mid October ACRS meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: What do you mean that MP&L  
2 will be in a better position after the Staff audit is  
3 completed?

4 MR. SCHWENCER: I believe that's based on the  
5 fact that MP&L has submitted more material, more resumes,  
6 perhaps made commitment for people on their Staff that  
7 when the NRC audit is completed next week, the Management  
8 Operational level assessment for MP&L will look better  
9 than it does in the SER at this time.

10 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: How do you judge the  
11 adequacy of knowledge and experience off of the Plant  
12 site? In what way do you arrive at a conclusion as to  
13 the adequacy in this regard?

14 (inaudible discussion).

15 MR. SCHWENCER: Okay, I don't think we're  
16 in a position to answer that question. The Licensing  
17 Qualification Branch and the Division of Human Factors  
18 has their criteria for judging the adequacy, and they  
19 will be performing the audit and will be available to  
20 answer any of these questions at the Full Committee  
21 Meeting.

22 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: You mean they have some  
23 written criteria, or they arrive at a judgment after  
24 talking to the people, or what?

25 MR. SCHWENCER: I think we'll have to defer

1 getting the right answer to that until the people from  
2 the Solids Group are available to us.

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, how do you judge  
4 whether the people on site have sufficiently broad  
5 background? I know you're interested in having BWR  
6 Operational experienced, and I am not questioning that im-  
7 portance, but are there other things that you think  
8 should exist in the Plant Manager's Organization, and if  
9 so, what are they in broad terms? How do you assess  
10 whether these things exist now, or whether they will  
11 exist by the time it's needed?

12 MR. HOUSTON: I think we would have to defer  
13 the discussion of the general philosophy for them to  
14 respond to you directly.

15 MEMBER BENDER: This is <sup>not</sup> the first time that  
16 kind of question has been asked of the Staff. Why is it  
17 taking so long for the Staff to come down with some kind  
18 of clear answers as to how it assesses the operating  
19 capabilities?

20 Is that an unfair question to ask you, Al?

21 MR. SCHWENCER: Yes, I think it is.

22 MEMBER BENDER: Would you mind telling us  
23 whom to ask that of?

24 MR. SCHWENCER: Yes, we will take the  
25 message back; we'll be prepared to respond to that.

1 MEMBER BENDER: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Mr. Ebersole asked about  
3 whether there was someone who had the job of trying to  
4 ascertain what -- it might not really be quite what we  
5 want from either an operational or a safety point of  
6 view in the plant.

7 In other words, our responsibility was to  
8 ask hard questions. Does the Staff have any position  
9 on whether there should be such a group somewhere in  
10 the organization of the utility that's operating a large  
11 nuclear power plant?

12 MR. SCHWENCER: I am not certain that we  
13 have a position, but in answer to Mr. Ebersole's inquiry  
14 before, I think it's appropriate to look at the A-17  
15 back on C-10, C-11, in which we talked about systems  
16 interaction in the nuclear power plants. And you will  
17 see there on C-11, in --

18 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: We're still looking --

19 MR. SCHWENCER: C-11.

20 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Page C-11?

21 MR. SCHWENCER: In Appendix C.

22 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: All right, go ahead.

23 MR. SCHWENCER: About halfway up it says  
24 "Mississippi Power and Light has formed an Engineering  
25 Review team to review the "as-built" condition of the

1 plant for potentially adverse effects on safety-grade  
2 equipment."

3 This matter has been pursued with the  
4 Applicant, and we've had one meeting with a couple of  
5 presentations, and more material to be submitted, and I  
6 am sure that we will have a resolution on that in the  
7 near term.

8 Whether this is a specific requirement by  
9 the Staff to have this kind of material, I am sure we  
10 look upon it as a desirous type of thing.

11 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, I read that. I was  
12 pleased to see that Mississippi Power and Light is  
13 beginning something along those lines.

14 But there's really a question that's  
15 different from the one I asked. I think if you look at  
16 the kind of examples, it works okay, but they wouldn't  
17 surface from the kind of systems interaction they are  
18 talking about in this SER.

19 So again, I'm trying to understand whether  
20 the Staff thinks somewhere in an operating group there  
21 ought to be a group of unpopular individuals whose  
22 business it is to make trouble by asking, how do you  
23 know this is okay, or whatever, in fact.

24 MR. SCHWENCER: Dr. Okrent, I don't know  
25 that we have exactly in mind what you have suggested in



1 posing your question, but there are a number of things;  
2 the availability of the shift technical advisors to --

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Do you really think a  
4 Shift Technical Advisor as described here is going to  
5 serve that, that --

6 MR. SCHWENCER: No; no.

7 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Then don't bring it up.  
8 Let's stay to the plan.

9 MR. SCHWENCER: I think the point is, I'm  
10 doubtful if any group that does precise what you --

11 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, is there such a  
12 group within the Staff?

13 MR. SCHWENCER: I would say Dr. Michaelson's  
14 group; I will say in that general category, yes.

15 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And in fact Dr. Michaelson  
16 served that kind of a function at a specific utility, and  
17 I am just wondering, since the Staff has in its infinite  
18 wisdom as Commissioners of their system, have found it  
19 useful to interject that kind of activity within the  
20 Staff. I wonder if the Staff just has to go about just  
21 about anticipating?

22 I guess again I have to wait and talk to  
23 somebody else. We don't have the right people here.

24 What is it that the Committee is going to  
25 hear from the Staff with regard to the qualifications,

1 then, of this Applicant, since the Committee will be  
2 discussing this in October. Is it that it is an open  
3 issue; that it looks like it's in good shape?

4 MR. SCHWENCER: I can give you a perception  
5 based on discussions.

6 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: All right.

7 MR. SCHWENCER: We were not prepared at the  
8 same day we put this issue out. The feeling was very  
9 strong that we needed to have the site audit prior to  
10 making our conclusions.

11 I think we can see forecast, in the light of  
12 the Safety Evaluation, the scenarios consist where we  
13 have some official documentation, but I don't foresee  
14 that there will be major deficiency.

15 What I expect is that we have confirmed  
16 that the Applicant's management organization is  
17 acceptable, and it's in that broad range of not the best  
18 and not the worst.

19 And we will be requiring augmentation both  
20 for the off site management levels as well as the on  
21 site shift capabilities.

22 Those things we have already talked about  
23 in the SER, and I expect that those will be confirmed  
24 and that we will continue to require/ <sup>unless</sup> something unusual  
25 in the way of additional justification is presented to

1 the Staff during the audit.

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Okay, but I just offer a  
3 question to Mississippi Power and Light. If the Plant  
4 Manager Staff, as I listened, it seemed to me that the  
5 backgrounds of the people was pretty strong in operations,  
6 one way or another, although there may or may not be  
7 enough years of BWR operation from the Staff's point of  
8 view, or others.

9 It wasn't so clear to me that there was a  
10 strong background in what I would call system behavior  
11 of BWR's; how these things behave thermal, hydrualically.  
12 I don't mean at the level of detail that they used in  
13 our LOCA calculation, but at an intermediate kind of  
14 level.

15 Am I wrong?

16 MR. McCOY: We have some experience that I  
17 did not bring out in that area. I think though, I would  
18 have to say that your perception is right. We are  
19 stronger operationally than we are in a overall systems  
20 interrelation kind of study approach.

21 For instance, one of the people that I did  
22 not discuss is one of our STA's who worked for some years  
23 with General Electric in core design and core analysis,  
24 transient analysis, and so forth. He actually was, I  
25 believe they call them a Project Engineer on the reload

1 core, responsible for the design and transient analysis  
2 of reload core; those kinds of things.

3 We have some of those people, Engineers of  
4 that type of experience, in our Staff, but the specific  
5 area that you are looking for, someone that has broad  
6 experience in evaluating interrelation of systems, my  
7 opinion is, having searched the industry pretty well for  
8 people, those people are very difficult to come by or  
9 find, and I think that the industry has just come to  
10 recognize the need for those people more in recent years,  
11 and we do, we are trying to staff in that area, but it  
12 is an industry wide problem.

13 MR. McGAUGHY: Let me go on to say that in  
14 our search, the best man that we could find to do this  
15 kind of work is Mr. Bill Angle, who we introduced to you  
16 here, who comes to us from LaCross for 10 years, and  
17 from Betelle Northwest and from GE, and we have him in  
18 this operation analysis group.

19 They are independent of Ken and the Plant  
20 Staff. They are in a position, as you say, to make waves  
21 as far as he's concerned; and the kind of capability that  
22 he is developing specialized and thermal hydraulics  
23 reactivities and control transient analysis and the use  
24 of transient codes, and reactor systems behave. As I  
25 said, in the process of developing that group the Staff

1 is there, assisted by consultants and Middle South in  
2 developing our retrend? model, and Mr. Angle is presenting  
3 and developing other models there at the plant.

4 MEMBER BENDER: Could I add a little bit of  
5 free advice? You seem receptive to it without getting  
6 mad.

7 MR. McGAUGHY: Yes, sir.

8 (Laughter)

9 MEMBER BENDER: And I don't often get a  
10 chance to give free advice.

11 It seems to me that as long as you're  
12 thinking about this advisor, that you might try to find  
13 somebody that understands what these kinds of capabilities  
14 might be, in order to help you assess whether your own  
15 organization has a good perception of what it needs.

16 Obviously, you're going to have to make those  
17 decisions yourself; he's not going to make them for you.  
18 But at least it's a way of getting some independent  
19 judgment concerning what an organization ought to have,  
20 and there might not be very many of those kinds of  
21 advisors around.

22 But the industry would benefit from having  
23 you, and you're as good a guinea pig as any.

24 MR. McCOY: I agree.

25 (Laughter)

1 MR. McCOY: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Okay. Well, we're at  
3 9:30 on the Agenda and by my watch we're 5 minutes  
4 early.

5 (Laughter)

6 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: So let's go on to the  
7 next item. I deliberately let the first topic go out  
8 of control, on the assumption that we could make up some  
9 of it later on, but we won't be able to keep doing that.

10 So let's tighten up the presentations on  
11 these succeeding topics.

12 MR. McCOY: I will try to keep it moving as  
13 rapidly as I can.

14 First, I would just like to give you some  
15 indication of our commitment to training. We've done  
16 this in the area of facilities staff. We've purchased  
17 a site specific simulator, and we established very  
18 difficult training goals, or standards if you will, for  
19 our training program.

20 The organization that we've established for  
21 training consists of a Training and Administrative  
22 Superintendent, who if you will, is the Human Resources  
23 Department Head on the Plant Staff.

24 Under him we have a Training Supervisor  
25 responsible for the scheduling and administration of the

1 training programs on a day to day basis.

2 We have a Simulator Supervisor; I might add  
3 that this Simulator Supervisor was a Simulator  
4 Instructor on the General Electric simulator, BWR  
5 simulator, and then worked for Singer - Link as a  
6 Test Engineer and Design checkout of simulators for  
7 several years, including working on Grand Gulf simulator.

8 And then we have a Security Training  
9 Supervisor who came to us from Commonwealth Edison,  
10 where he was a security training man for that company.

11 I would like to convey our basic philosophy  
12 of training. First, we analyze the jobs, we teach the  
13 fundamentals and principles associated with that analysis;  
14 then we teach the specific job knowledge; then we  
15 demonstrate that knowledge on the job, by either  
16 performance in a laboratory or simulator, or in the actual  
17 plant, and that is documented by a formal check out  
18 procedure on ~~fault~~-cards.

19 Then we have periodic reviews, -updates, and  
20 evaluations of that program. I might say training  
21 program is divided into 5 stages; evaluate, formulate,  
22 educate, train, and feedback.

23 Evaluation consists of 2 phases; evaluation  
24 of the job, and this is done by task analysis and the  
25 regulatory requirements for that job.

1                   And second, evaluation of the person. This  
2 is done by screening examinations for entry level people,  
3 determination of previous skills and background  
4 knowledge, and personal interviews.

5                   We then formulate and write a training  
6 program; we review that against the task analysis and  
7 regulatory requirements, and we schedule the training.

8                   We then educate the individuals. We do this  
9 by use of classroom instruction, simulator instruction,  
10 written study materials and self study, and laboratory  
11 training.

12                   We have a INC laboratory, mechanical  
13 laboratories, chemical labs, and so forth, that we use  
14 for training.

15                   Once a person has a basic education, then  
16 we train the person to perform the specific task, and  
17 this is done under supervision where possible in the  
18 laboratory or on the simulator, and where not, we do that  
19 in the Plant.

20                   For instance, in maintenance jobs, the first  
21 time a person does that job, he does it under supervision,  
22 and gets signed off on it. And this training is directed  
23 and documented by qualification cards for each position  
24 on the Staff.

25                   Then we feed back the results of our training



1 program. We do it by review of the task analysis against  
2 the product we produce in the trained individual. We  
3 observe the trained individual, review our training  
4 program to correct problems identified during those first  
5 two reviews, and revise the program as necessary, and  
6 then retrain, as necessary.

7 I would like to talk a little bit about the  
8 selection process.

9 We started initially in 1975 with a  
10 selection process that we developed jointly with Memphis  
11 State University. That is now used by a number of  
12 utilities around the country, and it is a validated test  
13 program.

14 We use this for entry level for all the  
15 maintenance positions and for the operator positions.  
16 It consists of a series of written tests; it's a 6 hour  
17 written exam, series of exams that test upon partially  
18 logical reasoning, reading comprehension, and verbal  
19 reasoning, along some other tests.

20 In addition, there is an interview by an  
21 Industrial Psychologist on the suitability of that  
22 person for this type of work.

23 Then there's an interview by a responsible  
24 Supervisor on the Plant Staff for the person's attitude  
25 and work habits, and so forth.

1 And then we follow up these evaluations, and  
2 Memphis State does this in a formal program, to see how  
3 well these tests are predicting success on the job; not  
4 just success in completing the training program.

5 MEMBER BENDER: : Ken, before you go on, just  
6 a question about this. You've evidently developed this  
7 approach for Grand Gulf. Is it used throughout Mid  
8 South Utilities?

9 MR. McCOY: I believe Waterford has started  
10 using that at the

11 MR. McGAUGHY: We had started using this  
12 several years ago; we had started using also in our  
13 fossil plants, because of the success that we were having  
14 with it at Grand Gulf. Now whether --

15 MEMBER BENDER: I am only using --

16 MR. McGAUGHY: We don't know whether --

17 MEMBER BENDER: -- this as a question  
18 because every now and then we try to think about how  
19 much use is being made of collective analysis.

20 In a big organization like this, where  
21 you've got a lot of nuclear power plants, one of the  
22 things you want to argue about is, well, does the  
23 collective experience get utilized?

24 And I'm not sure that this isn't a good  
25 example to point to and saying, well, if this big

1 organization is working and continually on the know with  
2 each other, what it is doing, and I think there would be  
3 some advantage in looking at other things like this and  
4 saying, well, what is Mid South doing as a whole company?

5 MR. McCOY: The point is well taken. I will  
6 say that we have submitted all of our program to INPO as  
7 an example of a suitable program we included as task  
8 analysis.

9 Again, that's done by trained Industrial  
10 Psychologists from Memphis State University who come to  
11 the site and work with people to identify the task, and  
12 so forth; and INPO, one of their jobs right now is  
13 attempting to develop task analyses industry wide. We  
14 were ahead of that, so we have been providing them the  
15 information that we've acquired.

16 MR. McGAUGHY: Let me go on to say that in  
17 our system, the Middle South system, we have developed  
18 3 organizations somewhat independently in terms of  
19 starting. There is a service organization in New Orleans.

20 Our system now is embarking on an intensive  
21 study to see, you know, are we really cooperating and  
22 giving as much of this combined knowledge as possible,  
23 has become a question that our Mr. Lewis has recognized,  
24 and has taken some steps to try to coordinate these  
25 efforts and to integrate them to some degree.

1 MEMBER BENDER: Well, the rate is not observed  
2 to be very fast at the moment, and I think the observation  
3 may be made after the TMI event, was that similar  
4 circumstances, there was not enough interchange in the  
5 organizations, and I think you will hear a lot more about  
6 that as time goes on.

7 MR. McCOY: I mentioned the formal/<sup>training</sup>programs  
8 that we have. These are the programs that are in progress  
9 at Grand Gulf at the present time.

10 Just quickly running through them, the  
11 Operator Requalification Program, which begins next year  
12 after the people are licensed.

13 We have a Non-licensed Operator Training  
14 Program, and a Licensed Operator Training Program. We  
15 have a Shift Technical Advisor Training Program; a  
16 Health Physics Training Program; an Emergency Plan  
17 Training Program; we have a General Employee Training  
18 Program; we have a Radiation Worker Training Program for  
19 all employees that work in radiation areas; we have a  
20 Radioactive Waste Operator Training Program; we have a  
21 Chemist Training Program; we have Maintenance Technician  
22 Programs for each of the craft skills at the Plant; and  
23 we have a Security Guard Course Training Program.

24 We are continuing to develop training  
25 programs to address all of the skills that are needed. At

1 the present time where we don't have those programs, we  
2 contract out for some of the people in our organization  
3 to acquire those skills.

4 That's what we have presently developed,  
5 and our goal.

6 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Mr. McCoy, on your  
7 Security Guard Course Training Program. I had an  
8 interesting experience one time when the Security people  
9 approached some of the technical people and said, what  
10 am I trying to protect?

11 You know, they were used to watching switch  
12 yards and hydrostate coal burners. And of course,  
13 the answer was somewhat shocking.

14 Do you train your Security work force in  
15 what they're protecting in considerable technical detail,  
16 or not.

17 MR. McCOY: No, I would say we provide them  
18 the general overview. We don't go into the details of  
19 the consequences of nuclear sabotage --

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: It's administrative, then?

21 MR. McCOY: That's correct. We do address  
22 that, and we also in the Training Program, address the  
23 kinds of threats that they might be --

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, how do you instill  
25 in them a new feeling, which they have to have. They get

1 rid of the old feeling that they had when they were  
2 looking at the switchyards. They've got to have a new  
3 attitude.

4 MR. McCOY: Yes. That's a good question and  
5 I don't know that I have the answer. I will take a look  
6 at that; I hadn't thought much about looking into that  
7 area.

8 As I did mention on Security Training, the  
9 man that we brought in to set up that program and get it  
10 going, came from Commonwealth Edison, where he had been  
11 doing this for a number of years on all their stations,  
12 so I kind of let him go in that area and develop that  
13 program.

14 One of the problems that you hear addressed  
15 frequently in the industry today is how are we going to  
16 acquire operator talent and maintain that. We tried to  
17 address that in Grand Gulf by not just developing Operator  
18 Training Programs, but developing a personnel development  
19 plan for operations people.

20 We hope we are looking at the long range  
21 and not just the short picture. But what we've got here  
22 is a typical development development program. The years  
23 over on the right are cumulative years.

24 What we would like to do for the ideal  
25 person would be to bring in the operator trainee from

1 from Junior Colleges, typically with a technical degree  
2 from a Junior College; and I might add we have a good  
3 Junior College system in Mississippi, and that's where we  
4 are recruiting operator trainees. We have about, I guess  
5 15 operator trainees, or something like that, right now,  
6 and that's where we do most of our actual recruiting.

7           H<sub>2</sub> comes in, completes the screening program  
8 and goes into a training program to become auxiliary  
9 operator, and during this stage of his development, he  
10 is learning basic power plants, basic components, and  
11 principles of systems, principles of fluid systems,  
12 electrical systems, and so forth; and then his first  
13 qualification step is to qualify as an operator in one  
14 building, where he really operates under direction, to  
15 operate various specific pieces of equipment as directed.

16           From there he continues his training program,  
17 and I might add the training program is a continuous  
18 thing through this process, until he is qualified in all  
19 the buildings, on all of the equipment in the plant, and  
20 he gets then systems training, and system interrelation  
21 in much more detail than he did in his first presentation  
22 of that.

23           At each step, by the way, he is personally  
24 certified by the Operations Superintendent before he is  
25 allowed to assume those duties.

1                   And we've got **fault** cards, as I was  
2 mentioning before, for each one of the things, so he  
3 documents the skills as he acquires them.

4                   After about 5 years he should have progressed  
5 to the point of a Nuclear Operator B, which is an  
6 unlicensed operator that knows the whole plant; and he is  
7 put into an intensive licensing training program to  
8 prepare him to sit for a Reactor Operator License.

9                   At that point, he moves into the Control  
10 Room as a Control Room Operator, a licensed operator in  
11 the Control Room, and we would expect that the average  
12 man there would have about 8 years experience, and I have  
13 **listed** the minimums there that come out of the  
14            samples.

15                  Also at that time, if he has supervisory  
16 potential, this is the point where he is selected and  
17 will move on into SRO training and supervisory skill  
18 training, and that's the point that he moves from the  
19 bargaining unit to management, if he is selected and  
20 promoted to a project job.

21                  I might point out that we consider our  
22 Training Instructors equivalent to a Shift Supervisor.  
23 They have to hold an SRO on this particular plant, and  
24 that's where they should come from. We feel that it's  
25 important that those instructors have credibility with



1 the Shift Supervisors that they are teaching.

2 This is not all the instructors, you  
3 understand; this is the ones that are responsible for that  
4 training program. They can call upon experts in various  
5 fields to teach different subjects, but we think our  
6 Training Instructors should hold an SRO in the Plant.

7 And then from that they can move to a Shift  
8 Superintendent or Operations Assistant, and ultimately  
9 go on up to an Operations Superintendent.

10 We have contracted with Memphis State  
11 University to provide a degree training program for our  
12 people, once they get to this Supervisory stage, so that  
13 ultimately they are not dead-ended. Once they've  
14 acquired all those years of experience, they, the ones  
15 that have a desire to get off shift work or to go on to  
16 other things can progress with an Engineering degree to  
17 move into other areas, for instance the OPS Analysis  
18 Group, or something like that.

19 So that's our long term plan for operators.  
20 I thought you might be interested in that.

21 MEMBER BENDER: Ken, maybe this has been  
22 discussed a number of times. It's just not clear at the  
23 moment just what functions are performed by auxiliary  
24 operators, and Operators B and A, but some organizations  
25 have started their training of those people into the

1 Rad waste operations, as being a job that doesn't require  
2 quite the skill of an operator, and I don't know what the  
3 present views are.

4 How do you look at those kinds of operations  
5 as compared to the Control Room operations; how do you  
6 assess this level of responsibility?

7 MR. McCOY: Okay. The auxiliary operators  
8 definitely have lesser responsibilities; they perform  
9 all their operations under supervision, under direction.  
10 But the Nuclear Operators B's are the unlicensed  
11 operators that are out in the Plant, and they take  
12 directions from the Control Room, but they are broader  
13 people.

14 They operate systems, direct auxiliary  
15 operators which valves to turn, which pumps to start, and  
16 things of that nature, on system alignments and so forth.

17 We consider that level the level of  
18 knowledge that a man needs to operate the Rad waste  
19 system. Presently we are using Nuclear Operator B's  
20 as our Rad waste operators. We are considering a  
21 separate classification, but the line of progression  
22 would be the same at that level.

23 MEMBER BENDER: No, I don't want to have a  
24 real opinion on it, but some people say that this scheme  
25 results in not having the best qualified people doing

1 some very sensitive jobs that have to be done all the time;  
2 and I won't take any more time.

3 MR. McCOY: I understand. I would like to  
4 run through the operator, the Licensed Operator Candidate  
5 Training Program. These are the things that have been  
6 done for our License candidates.

7 They first go through a non-licensed  
8 training program; they through a nuclear power plant  
9 fundamentals that was taught to most of our people by  
10 Memphis State University men on site.

11 The details of all this are in the FSAR,  
12 Chapter 13-2. We then went through the Grand Gulf systems  
13 operations course at the RL level. We did reactor  
14 startups on research reactor. We went to Oak Ridge and  
15 to, and operated reactors there, and to Memphis State and  
16 operated their little research reactor at that point.

17 We had simulator training and certification  
18 by the General Electric Company at their simulators; and  
19 our operators went through an operator practises course  
20 or training, which included administrative requirements,  
21 a Plant Operation and Casualty Response Course, and  
22 Control Room training.

23 We provide a mitigation core damage course,  
24 which I will discuss the content of that in just a  
25 moment. We have provided increased training above our

1 original fundamentals in areas of heat transfer, thermal  
2 dynamics, fluid flow. That was taught jointly by a team  
3 of one, a professor, a college professor in those areas,  
4 teaching in the classroom with a operator, who put it  
5 into terms that the operators could relate to.

6 Then we went through a licensing examination  
7 preparation. By the way, our people are preparing right  
8 now for their written exams, which are scheduled for  
9 October.

10 We went through a simulator refresher course.  
11 That's been completed. We're in the process of an exam  
12 analysis where we gave practise exams, including walk  
13 through exams, and that is just winding up right now, to  
14 evaluate where we stand on each candidate.

15 Once that's done, each candidate will be  
16 evaluated by an operator training committee, and certified  
17 by our Assistant Vice-President for Nuclear Production  
18 to the NRC.

19 We are also providing supervisory training  
20 to our senior reactor operators.

21 A little more on that non-licensed training  
22 program, this is what that basically consists of,  
23 fundamentals of principles course, basic operator practises  
24 course, components qualification cards, qualification  
25 on one building, and the Grand Gulf systems course; these,

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1 it starts from that point on, as he's now an auxiliary  
2 operator, when he qualifies on one building and then he  
3 goes into the nuclear operator B frame, which is still  
4 non-licensed, and covers a more detailed systems course,  
5 a plant operations course, and eventually he is qualified  
6 on all buildings. And then he's ready to go into the  
7 licensed operator training program.

8 I would like to also quickly show you our  
9 STA training program. This program has been completed.  
10 We have 6 STA's; they all have college degrees in  
11 Engineering of applied related sciences.

12 They started out to review their college  
13 level courses; then they went into Grand Gulf Systems  
14 Operations Course. They went through a Supervisory  
15 Training Course; then they went through the Station  
16 Nuclear Engineering Course, as they had not been through  
17 that previously.

18 They went through administrative procedures;  
19 they went through a plant operations course and went  
20 through all the operating procedures in the Plant and the  
21 way the Plant should respond; and a simulator training  
22 that was tailored specifically for STA's to look at  
23 transients and response of the plant and things of that  
24 nature; and then through a Core Management Engineering  
25 Course provided by General Electric, and a Core

1 Mitigation Course.

2 The Mitigating Reactor Core Damage Course  
3 insisted upon. I might add that this Course was developed  
4 in response to Mr. Denton's (ph) letter, and has been  
5 modified so that it complies with all the INPO  
6 recommendations for SDA, for core mitigation training.

7 I won't through those.

8 MEMBER BENDER: May I ask a training question?  
9 If I were to identify an accident that might be as  
10 significant as Three Mile Island, what other accidents  
11 would you want your operating staff to know about?

12 MR. McCOY: Okay. The way we try to address  
13 that is by the use of our emergency procedures, and my  
14 Operations Superintendent is next on the Agenda, and he's  
15 going to talk about these **sensor-operated emergency procedures**,  
16 but they break the kinds of emergencies that you can have  
17 in the Plant into several categories.

18 And then what we look at is ways that can  
19 lead you into one of those categories of an emergency.  
20 For instance, the ADWA type of event is a significant  
21 event that we should, that all of our operators should  
22 be aware of what his response should be should all the  
23 rods not insert or spring, and what kind of  
24 responses he might expect.

25 MEMBER BENDER: Well, that's one aspect, but

1 there is the SL-1 event, and I had the opportunity to  
2 really look at the movie of the SL-1 event, which the  
3 ADC put together a year ago. A lot of propoganda in it,  
4 but nevertheless I found it quite instructive.

5 There's the event that occurred in England,  
6 the Winsdale? incident that didn't involve a reactor,  
7 but turned out to have some important radionuclei  
8 dispersal mechanisms in it.

9 There's the Chalk? River event, and I have  
10 to ask myself, what is it you train people on? I think  
11 there is some advantage in looking at what a particular  
12 reactor might do under certain circumstances. You needn't  
13 know about and such things, but there is also the  
14 question about how accidents propogate, and what kind of  
15 accident experience we have.

16 I have yet to see anything which gives  
17 enough of an overview of the kind of accidents that nuclear  
18 power plants have been exposed to. I could identify the  
19 one that's associated with forming a water reactor in  
20 India, that might be interesting to a lot of people; and  
21 somehow or other I think there should be some sort of  
22 overview of all the accidents.

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2 MR. McCOY: I think that's a good idea, and  
3 I think that's something that we ought to bring up to  
4 INPO to develop for industry-wide training. The experience  
5 of major accidents all could be shown to all reactor  
6 operators, I think.

7 I've seen the SL-1 movies, and I thought  
8 they were very interesting, too. I have not seen some of  
9 the others you mentioned, but probably should have, and  
10 I want to --

11 MEMBER BENDER: Some of the others, you  
12 would find this information on it.

13 MR. McCOY: All right. Well, somebody  
14 ought to put together a standard presentation, and it  
15 ought to be updated periodically as more experience is  
16 gained. We'll take that on in the

17 MEMBER BENDER: I would think you might want  
18 the utility presidents to know about these, as well.

19 (Laughter)

20 MR. McCOY: If you don't mind my asking, who  
21 is the president of it?

22 (Laughter)

23 MR. LUTKEN: INPO is moving in that direction.  
24 We're getting more foreign countries that are interested  
25 in what INPO is doing, so we will eventually have an



1 international and a national respond, informational type  
2 service, I guess, that will go out to all operators.

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: But back around 1964 or 5  
4 there was Volume I of the Technicology of Nuclear Reactor  
5 Safety issued, and there was a Chapter in that book  
6 written by the late Dr. Thompson (ph) which reviewed a  
7 selection of the accidents that occurred up to that time,  
8 primarily in research and test reactors, and so: forth.

9 I doubt that very many utility presidents  
10 and vice-presidents even know it exists.

11 (Laughter)

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: But I've read it, and it's  
13 quite interesting, and it perhaps gives one an appreciation  
14 for how circumstances can link together.

15 I mean I can remember an incident in my own  
16 career where I saw several circumstances linked together,  
17 and it certainly made me more wary.

18 MR. LUTKEN: Well, I'm certain that would be  
19 the case. From my background; I came up through the Power  
20 plants, the fossil? plants, and so we had a camaraderie,  
21 I guess, of Plant Operators, that we did share this kind  
22 of experiences, particularly in the southeast.

23 This is the kind of thing you have to spread  
24 into the nuclear industry, so we know what Joe Blow  
25 experiences in one plant, and then we can take a look at

1 our plant, and be sure that it doesn't happen here.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: May I ask you if you have  
3 studied the Brown's Ferry fire, and what lessons you draw  
4 from it?

5 MR. McCOY: Yes, that was -- oh, who are  
6 you addressing?

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, whoever wants to  
8 answer.

9 MR. McCOY: Well, yes, we did do an analysis  
10 after Brown's Ferry fire, and there were modifications  
11 made in our plant, particularly in the fire protection  
12 areas; also in the shutdown capabilities.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, one thing that  
14 happened was that it sat there and stewed for 6 hours.  
15 The reason that occurred is there was ignorance in the  
16 Operating Staff as to what they were looking at.

17 MR. McCOY: Yes.

18 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Is that thing corrected?  
19 Does your training program include going beyond the knobs  
20 and switches, and pointing to the operators and saying,  
21 in the small area a hand grenade will do the whole thing;  
22 or else, it will only destroy one channel; or more  
23 appropriate maybe, a hose applied here is only division;  
24 I've got another one off on the other end of the building.

25 Do you teach them the physical engineering

1 rationale for disposing equipment and separating the  
2 context?

3 MR. McCOY: We do teach that philosophy, but  
4 when you get down to the points that you're making, being  
5 specifically addressed in our training program, I think  
6 we can do better.

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, you may be faced with  
8 the same question; can I hose down this room?

9 MR. McCOY: Right. I understand what you  
10 are saying. What are sensitive areas of design from an  
11 operations standpoint?

12 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes.

13 MR. McCOY: I'd like to address one more  
14 topic, and that is the simulator at Grand Gulf. This has  
15 been an interesting topic for some people.

16 In particular -- I'm sure you are familiar  
17 with simulators, and I won't go into that, but we did try  
18 to make some improvements in the Grand Gulf simulator,  
19 and that's where I would like to concentrate.

20 We have improved simulation, which I'm going  
21 to go into detail on these a little more. We have some  
22 Instructor Console capabilities that were not previously  
23 available, including a Student Performance Monitoring  
24 System, which I'll talk about.

25 And we expanded the scope that was simulated

1 in the Plant; a better training tool.

2 Some of the specifics that we've done is  
3 we've included more initial conditions. We have 27,  
4 what we call protected initial conditions already  
5 programmed into the computer that you can put the student  
6 into.

7 We have 11 spares for development over the  
8 life of the Plant. As different things become known to  
9 us that we **ought** to train people on, we can program  
10 additional initial conditions.

11 We have one **dedicated** initial condition that  
12 is just used to take what we call snap shots for the  
13 simulator, for the simulator instructor when he gets to  
14 a critical point in demonstrating something, or a student  
15 makes a mistake, he can take a snapshot of that situation  
16 and go back and make that an initial condition and run  
17 the event again.

18 We have backtrack capability. This was in  
19 earlier simulators; we've made it more extensive here,  
20 and we can go back 30 minutes at one minute intervals?  
21 and rerun the evolutions so that if an operator makes a  
22 mistake, we can go back and let him see what the  
23 consequences would have been of taking other actions, and  
24 so forth.

25 We have various speeds built in. Again, **this**

1 has been done in other simulators, but we have expanded  
2 the scope of that. First we have real time; then we have  
3 slow time that is in several ratios. We have fast time --  
4 that's -- slow time is perceived transients that occur  
5 in the reactor that you perhaps might not understand in  
6 a normal real time sequence.

7 The fast time is used for understanding long  
8 term effects on the Plant, such as Xenon, KD and  
9 hydrogen concentrations. But we've increased the scope  
10 of malfunctions. We have 160 generic malfunctions, over  
11 600 individual malfunctions.

12 One of the past criticisms of simulators has  
13 been after the operators have trained on them for a little  
14 while, they know all the problems; so we have tried to  
15 get to the point that we have enough initiating conditions,  
16 and every time an operator sees something, it will be a  
17 different kind of condition, or it can be.

18 In addition, we put in a large number of  
19 what we call priloop alarms that are instrument  
20 failures, and things of that nature, and that's just  
21 more to make a realistic simulation available to the  
22 instructor in advanced training.

23 More specifically, some of the improvements,  
24 we've made use for the first time -- Singer has -- of a  
25 3 dimensional Xenon calculation in the core model.

1 Xenon is calculated at 172 points, corresponding to the  
2 LPRM locations. In the previous BWR-6 simulators -- and  
3 previous BWR simulators it was calculated as single term,  
4 the reactivity balance of the core.

5 We also have local Xenon correction for rod  
6 work that's associated with that change. We have 6  
7 groups of the KE, where previous BWR's had 2 groups of  
8 KE in the core model.

9 We have improved performance here in the  
10 fail scram transients, or the at loss transients. The  
11 earlier simulators didn't simulate the actual event very  
12 well. We made that a specification when we contracted  
13 our simulator.

14 We've improved the equations to show more  
15 realistic nuclear instrumentation responses, and we've  
16 improved the model to allow more of the nuclear steam  
17 supply system computer on demand programs, to be run by  
18 the operator to provide more realistic environment in  
19 the Control Room.

20 We also did some things to improve the  
21 boiler dynamics of the simulator. For the first time, we  
22 modeled the Singer Model, the RPB lower plumb mass volume  
23 areas, dynamic, where in the past that was treated as a  
24 constant, not allowed to be blown dry.

25 We go into larger type transients or

1 accidents. We have unique characteristics for each  
2 individual control rod, where on previous BWR-6 simulators  
3 they were programed as identical responses.

4 And we have expanded the rod control  
5 information system capabilities. They are more like the  
6 real system.

7 I won't go through all the rest of the  
8 improvements here. I would say that we did meet all the  
9 requirements the NS3.5 standard on the simulator. In  
10 addition, we looked at studies done by Oak Ridge National  
11 Labs and Brookhaven on simulators and their shortcomings,  
12 and we incorporated as many of those as was possible.

13 Some of those shortcomings have to do with  
14 developing engineering simulator models like Retran? or  
15 whatever, that cannot be run in real time at the present  
16 time, and those were not incorporated.

17 Are there any questions as to the program  
18 on Operator Training?

19 MEMBER BENDER: I just want to ask one  
20 question, not about the training program itself, but about  
21 who's running it. I think you went by the business of the  
22 training management business so fast that most of us  
23 really didn't absorb who's responsible and how it's being  
24 managed.

25 MR. McCOY: All right, I would like to

1 introduce John Custer, our Training Administrative  
2 Superintendent. John Custer came to us from Westinghouse,  
3 where he had been for a number of years. He holds a  
4 Mechanical Engineering Degree. He was qualified as a  
5 Senior Watch Stander on Westinghouse Navy Nuclear  
6 Prototypes. He was a Training Manager for one of the  
7 Prototype facilities there. He then went to Pittsburg  
8 and worked there in some of their Training Program  
9 Development for Westinghouse.

10 He came to us from that background.

11 MEMBER BENDER: In addition to his capabilities,  
12 which I think are not unusual for a guy that's training  
13 operators to run reactors; what advice does he get on  
14 these unusual kinds of things, like the training for  
15 STA's and things of that sort. Where does that knowledge  
16 come from?

17 MR. McCOY: Well, John just came in yesterday,  
18 is the reason he wasn't here yesterday; he was at a BWR  
19 Trainers Conference that was attended by Mr. Collins (ph)  
20 and the NRC, as well as the BWR people.

21 That's one example. John, would you like to  
22 comment on where you get industry input in your training  
23 programs?

24 MR. CUSTER: John Custer, Training  
25 Superintendent.



1           The primary input that we get is from the  
2 INPO recommendations. INPO specifically in the SDA  
3 training has issued guide lines for SDA training.

4           We took those and started out training  
5 program from that standpoint. And then as we looked at  
6 it further in dealing with the Technical Superintendent,  
7 Allen McCurdy (ph), we found we wanted to put additional  
8 courses in there above and beyond what IMPO had  
9 recommended as guide lines.

10           We added courses when we saw the length of  
11 the SDA course that we have. And then Ken McCoy had  
12 some courses that he also wanted to add in there, and you  
13 saw those also included in the SDA program.

14           Now one of the things that I did at the  
15 Training Conference was to talk with other Training  
16 Managers to see what they do in some of their programs.

17           To date our STA program is the best that I  
18 have found. In the last Training Conference, we were in  
19 the process at that time of developing this program, and  
20 we had it up to about 16 or 17 weeks at that time, and I  
21 compared notes with 2 other utilities, and one had a 2  
22 week program that they thought was a little short. And  
23 another one was up to about 12 or 14 weeks.

24           MEMBER BENDER: Well, I'm not trying to judge  
25 the adequacy of your program. Everybody that I've talked

1 to always says, his is the best or will be next week.

2 So I'm sure yours is quite good. Again,  
3 there is some interest in independent judgment as to what  
4 constitutes your program. INPO is certainly the right  
5 place for the industry to focus its position.

6 At the same time some advice from outside  
7 in other ways than just through the internal organization  
8 would seem to be an advantageous thing to do, although I  
9 don't necessarily believe it's mandatory.

10 MR. McCOY: I understand what you're saying,  
11 and by contact with other training departments we get  
12 some of that; we do get some input through INPO. We  
13 look at the notepad results that come out of significant  
14 events that have occurred, and try to include those in  
15 our training programs.

16 And I have to admit, as John pointed out,  
17 there, that as the Manager responsible I want to insure  
18 that my philosophies get into the training programs, too.

19 MEMBER BENDER: You are exactly right. I  
20 heartily defend that position.

21 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: We have Staff comments in  
22 this area.

23 MR. HOUSTON: I think in the area of training  
24 program as described in the SER in 13.2, the program  
25 described meets the requirements. We do have a qualifier

1 in there that the instructors as a minimum will be  
2 certified to Senior Reactor Operator level prior to  
3 teaching the licensed operators, or prior to initial  
4 criticality.

5 We've also approved their degraded core  
6 training back in 2.b, item 2.b.4, and we have a commitment  
7 in item 1.g.1 for their low power test program, their  
8 training program.

9 I think that program is under development,  
10 and the commitment has put that into a confirmatory item.

11 Other than that, I guess we have no other  
12 comments under training program.

13 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: With regard to the degraded  
14 core training, I wonder whether the personnel from  
15 Mississippi Power and Light have critically evaluated what  
16 is currently included in that spect of the training, and  
17 decided yes, indeed, it's exactly what we need, or perhaps  
18 it could be modified or augmented in some way, and if you  
19 did try to critically deal with, could you tell me about  
20 it?

21 MR. McCOY: Yes, we have critiqued that  
22 course; I participated in that course personally and made  
23 some comments and suggestions. The course that we  
24 presented was contracted and developed by General Physics  
25 Corporation and has been taught in a number of facilities.

1                   There is room for improvements, and they took  
2 our comments and are working to improve this course. In  
3 addition, they have been contracted independently by, I  
4 believe, Samuel Labs to develop some additional material  
5 that would be useful in mitigating core damages.

6                   So that course is expected to improve. There  
7 are actions being taken to improve it.

8                   CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Any other questions on this  
9 topic? Well, I am going to propose that we in a moment  
10 recess for lunch.

11                   When we return, according to the Agenda we  
12 would be at 10:30 a.m., but we are about an hour and  
13 forty-five minutes behind schedule.

14                   I hope that in the topics Internal Flooding  
15 and Toxic Gases, the Applicant can prepare summaries of  
16 what's most important, leaving out introductory  
17 information, background information, and so forth, so  
18 that we can pick up some time there.

19                   So you might be thinking about that during  
20 lunch, and for the item that were supposedly in the  
21 morning, again try to leave out the history, and getting  
22 to the point, for example, on the Status of Mark II  
23 Containment Review. There the question is, do you have  
24 any difficult problems or any places where it was close  
25 in your design, and so forth. What were they, and what

1 changes were made from your original design because of  
2 this, and leave the history aside. Okay?

3 I am not sure how easy it is to eat fast in  
4 Jackson, so let's keep to an hour for lunch.

5 (Whereupon, the hearing was recessed at  
6 12:16 p.m., to reconvene in one hour).

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1:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OKRENT: This meeting will reconvene. .  
Before we get into the next technical topic, I might go  
ough some administrative kind of matters.

First I would like to note that because of  
things like airline schedules and so forth, different  
members of the Subcommittee have different departure  
times, and so while we anticipate that the Subcommittee  
meeting will continue on well into the afternoon, and  
maybe even into the evening, around 3:00 p.m. I will have  
to depart and around 4:00 p.m. Mr. **Bender** is going to  
have to depart.

Mr. Ebersole is going to hold court and make  
sure the full topics on the Agenda are discussed, and  
he may even have one or two to act that are unknown.

We always have an item called "Other", at  
least mentally.

(Laughter)

With regard to some of the topics where the  
Staff has indicated they don't have the right people  
here, the Subcommittee would like to urge them on each  
of these to provide to the ACRS office not later than the  
Wednesday morning before the next Full Committee meeting,  
a rather full discussion of these matters in writing, so

1 that the members can read this and see if they have questions,  
2 so you can provide them a copy for the Full Committee.

3 I do not want to treat the Full Committee  
4 Meeting as a Subcommittee meeting. In fact, I will try  
5 to interrupt any action, you know, that looks that way,  
6 because the information is supposed to be available  
7 beforehand, and so I urge the Staff to do what they can  
8 along these lines.

9 It is our current anticipation that the  
10 Grand Gulf Application will be on the Full Committee Agenda  
11 in October. We don't know whether the Full Committee  
12 would be in a position to act or not. We would have to  
13 see how things develop along those lines.

14 Nevertheless I think it's -- rather than to  
15 have it on the Agenda. We will not be giving you  
16 information at the end of today about the proposed Agenda  
17 items. That will come later, after the 3 of us have had  
18 a chance to get to our respective homes and the office  
19 and have spoken to their Subcommittee Members, and we  
20 try prepare some kind of recommended set of topics on  
21 which to prepare information.

22 Of course, that's a little hard to do since  
23 we're lacking some areas about it. Don't look for  
24 comments at the end of today in regard to the proposed  
25 Agenda of the Full Committee Meeting.

1 Did I forget any topics of that nature?

2 (inaudible discussion).

3 All right, one other thing --

4 MEMBER BENDER: I might make a suggestion  
5 just so the Staff doesn't overlook anything. I suggest  
6 that they get in touch with Mr. Alderman and McKinley  
7 (ph) and make a list of things that they are going to  
8 provide us with the statements on. So, rather than send  
9 the stuff that we don't want, or not send the stuff that  
10 we do want.

11 MR. TEDESCO: Yes, sir. We plan to order a  
12 transcript of the meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: With regard to this  
14 afternoon, I propose that we take Emergency Operating  
15 Procedures next; then the Status of the Mark III  
16 Containment Review; then we'll see where we are timewise,  
17 and there may be some shifting in order, after those  
18 shifts; so we will remain flexible in that regard.

19 And whoever is acting as the Chairman of  
20 the Subcommittee Meeting will feel free to adjust to  
21 what seems most appropriate.

22 So let's get on, then, with the 10:30 a.m.  
23 Agenda item.

24 MR. JOHNSON: My name is Bill Johnson. I'm  
25 the Operations Superintendent for Grand Gulf. My topic



1 is Emergency Procedures.

2 I took your suggestion to heart at lunch  
3 time, and while I was at lunch reduced my presentation  
4 of that to about 3 handwritten pages.

5 The emergency procedures we have generated  
6 for the Grand Gulf Station are in agreement with and were  
7 generated in concurrence with the General Electric BWR  
8 owners group Subcommittee for Emergency Procedure Guide  
9 Lines Generation.

10 The procedures have been generated and  
11 written in accordance with those guide lines. The Plant  
12 Staff, including myself, have participated in virtually  
13 every meeting of the Subgroup from the Fall of 1979 until  
14 today.

15 We have had input into the guide lines. I  
16 myself participated in the review of those guide lines  
17 in June of 1981, which a 1 week seminar; and I have  
18 personally reviewed every one of these emergency procedures.

19 In February of this year we took our  
20 emergency procedures to the NRC, in Bethesda and reviewed  
21 that; that was our brevity draft, the procedures were  
22 commented on. Most of the comments were of a Human  
23 Factor of Engineering and not of a technical nature.

24 The technical nature is covered by the fact  
25 that the guide lines that were generated by the owner's

1 group have been technically reviewed by the NRC. As long  
2 as we write our emergency procedures in accordance with  
3 those guidelines, the technical nature of the procedures  
4 is therefore taken care of.

5 We took our emergency procedures to the  
6 simulator located in Tulsa, Oklahoma in around March of  
7 1981, and we ran through every one of these emergency  
8 procedures with the NRC president, including our site  
9 representative.

10 We demonstrated every one of these procedures  
11 to be effective. In fact I believe, Al, you participated  
12 as supervisor in directing the operators. Is that  
13 correct?

14 MR. SCHWENCER: That is correct.

15 MR. JOHNSON: So that we were able to show  
16 that the procedures, taking someone who would not  
17 normally function as a shift supervisor, could effectively  
18 use the procedures to direct the action of the operators  
19 in mitigating the consequences of the accidents identified.

20 Comments from that review were incorporated  
21 in June of this year. The NRC came to Grand Gulf, and  
22 we demonstrated the procedures in a dry run.

23 The results of that, and some additional  
24 human practise comments were incorporated into what is  
25 now REG zero. REG 0 for the guidelines for the procedures

1 1 through 9 were issued effective day before yesterday.

2           The Reactivity Control Guideline has not  
3 been completely formulated by the owner's group; however  
4 taking the information that we have to date, and the  
5 technical information that we know about the Plant, we  
6 have generated a Reactivity Control Procedure, and that  
7 was the procedure, if you will.

8           The nature of the emergency procedures is  
9 such that the operator is not locked in on a single  
10 parameter or a single event. The operator responds to  
11 all parameters that are varying at the time of the  
12 accident, and the guidelines of the procedures direct  
13 them to bring those parameters back into some spec that  
14 is either a normal spec or at least an acceptable spec  
15 at that time.

16           The operators could proceed to do any  
17 gradient in that the operator can be involved in any  
18 procedure, and you would be directed into other  
19 procedures concurrently for a second event to occur.

20           The weakness in the previous  
21 procedures and what we talk about now are symptom based  
22 procedures. The weakness in the previous procedures  
23 that were used up until 1979 - 1980, were that they  
24 identified an event. The event was analyzed; the critique  
25 symptoms were defined; and the operators given corrective

1 action before that event.

2                   Unfortunately, if the event doesn't occur  
3 as it was specified in for instance Chapter 15 of the  
4 FSAR, the operator may be left with a procedure in his  
5 hand that is not really telling him how to correct the  
6 situation that he has.

7                   We have taken care of that in these emergency  
8 procedures.

9                   That's the extent of my presentation.

10                  MEMBER BENDER: A couple of questions.

11                  MR. JOHNSON: Sure.

12                  MEMBER BENDER: First, the guidelines were  
13 largely format guidelines, as I recall, the NRC's  
14 Requirements for Emergency Procedures.

15                  What are the improvements that are supposed  
16 to be seen in these over the previous times that have  
17 been prepared?

18                  MR. JOHNSON: The biggest improvement --  
19 well, first of all, the guidelines were generated by a  
20 committee consisting of between 10 and 15 persons and  
21 it varied from meeting to meeting.

22                  The average experience was probably in  
23 excess of 10 years of operating BWR's.

24                  MEMBER BENDER: I just want to know what  
25 the improvements were.

1 MR. JOHNSON: The improvement was that the  
2 operator was given direction to react to a parameter  
3 rather than an event. It also recognized the fact that  
4 things may be happening to the Plant that are beyond  
5 those analyzed in Chapter 15.

6 We may have extended degraded conditions,  
7 and these procedures will guide the operator through  
8 extended degraded conditions to do everything possible  
9 and give him the information he needs to take corrective  
10 action, regardless of how degraded the plant gets.

11 MEMBER BENDER: Well, I just looked at one  
12 up at the top of the page on alternate shutdown cooling,  
13 and it says, this procedure is entered from BT2 cool down  
14 on the following conditions.

15 And then it lists 3 conditions which  
16 certainly are the conditions for going to this procedure,  
17 but if I were an operator standing there, I am not so  
18 sure that they would tell me, that they would direct me  
19 to the logic of the event.

20 Some people have argued that the procedure  
21 should enable you to go through some kind of survey of  
22 assistance of the symptoms, and judge that a certain kind  
23 of event has occurred.

24 Where is that judgment exercised?

25 MR. JOHNSON: The judgment is exercised

1 first of all in the generation of the guidelines to make  
2 sure that all events are covered. And the second thing  
3 is with training.

4 We take the operators through and teach them  
5 the procedures; teach them the philosophy of the  
6 procedures, and then we make sure that they react to  
7 parameters and not -- they don't get locked in, I'm  
8 trying to say, hey, have I got a lost coolant accident?  
9 We don't really care if they've got a lost coolant  
10 accident --

11 MEMBER BENDER: Fine. That part of it's  
12 good. How do they know that the RHR shutdown ruling mode  
13 is not available? That's what I read here, and the first  
14 thing I said was, well how can I tell about it?

15 MR. JOHNSON: He's already gone over there  
16 and tried to use it, and it doesn't work.

17 MEMBER BENDER: Well, all right. I didn't  
18 want to go through the procedures here. Obviously it's  
19 a matter of reading and procedural understanding.

20 Is this representative of what we'll see  
21 in other BWR plants now, or is this unique to this  
22 particular plant?

23 MR. JOHNSON: All the BWR's, with the  
24 possible exception of 1, will be carrying the procedures  
25 that agree with the format and the content of the guide

1 lines. And these procedures are written from those guide  
2 lines.

3 So I would say yes, with the possible exception  
4 of one or two stations.

5 MEMBER BENDER: Okay, thank you.

6 MR. McCOY: May I make a comment, Bill?  
7 Ken McCoy, Plant Manager.

8 One thing that might be pointed out is that  
9 there is a logic diagram to be provided with each  
10 procedure. In some cases those are still under development,  
11 but they are to quickly guide the operator through that  
12 decision process that you have in mind.

13 MEMBER BENDER: You need some kind of key to  
14 get these things tied together.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Well, this is how, incidentally,  
16 the guideline is generated. We sat down --

17 MEMBER BENDER: I have got enough, and we  
18 don't have much time.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

20 MEMBER BENDER: Ken gave me what I wanted to  
21 know.

22 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

23 MEMBER EBERSOLE: May I ask a question?

24 There are 10 of these that seem to have been generated  
25 by a gentleman named Keith (ph), reviewed by Edmunds (ph)

1 reviewed by yourself; and this new \_\_\_\_\_ quality  
2 superintendent, and sometimes your Plant Manager doesn't  
3 review these, I gather. What's PRSC?

4 MR. JOHNSON: That's the Plant Safety Review  
5 Committee.

6 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I see. Are these to be  
7 considered as -- they're all fully signed and they're  
8 dated last month. Are these in the preliminary event  
9 stage, or --

10 MR. JOHNSON: There are some -- if you  
11 notice, there are some later in the procedure. One of  
12 the things we need to do, we have, General Electric has  
13 been contracted to review these procedures and to  
14 provide an additional technical input. This is where we  
15 have taken some generic drafts that are used, and generic  
16 numbers that were used in the guidelines, and these have  
17 to be converted to plant specifics. That work has yet to  
18 be done, and will be done before we load fuel.

19 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, quickly I looked at  
20 the one on activity control and I noticed that it was  
21 oriented toward Atlas. And a big problem in Atlas is,  
22 can it be pump-tripped and, mainly, is its keyboard system  
23 working, that is the tipsy or the motor driven keyboard  
24 pump in your .

25 And then, in ascertaining this,



1 then there are other less immediate things you have to do.  
2 You must get the feed water absolutely, or you're going  
3 to be in big trouble.

4 Yet that wasn't mentioned in here; it's  
5 totally reactivity control. The auxiliary pump, and then  
6 you have to go back to the other procedures like level  
7 control. This is a very fast transition you have to make  
8 from one to the other, rather than looking after the  
9 inimical problem.

10 MR. JOHNSON: As I mentioned before, the  
11 procedures group has not completed a REG 0 for reactivity  
12 control guidelines. When they do, one of the functions  
13 of the group is to integrate that procedure with the  
14 other emergency guidelines.

15 When that gets done, we will revise our  
16 reactivity control procedure.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, this is preliminary  
18 then in that context?

19 MR. JOHNSON: That particular procedure is,  
20 yes.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Where would I find the  
22 procedure like local all AC power?

23 MR. JOHNSON: We have 50 some-odd, the  
24 number sticks in my mind, 56 procedures which we call  
25 off normal event procedures. This is where we've taken

1 an event.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, this is 10 out of  
3 how many?

4 MR. JOHNSON: Well, that's -- those are  
5 emergency procedure that you have.

6 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, isn't that an  
7 emergency procedure, loss of all AC power?

8 MR. JOHNSON: No, they're not.

9 MEMBER EBERSOLE: What are they?

10 MR. JOHNSON: They're called off normal  
11 event procedures. And again, they are event oriented,  
12 which you can define that event. And you can tell the  
13 operator the corrective action.

14 And they're more in line with the old  
15 procedures, where you have the symptoms, the immediate  
16 operator action, and the subsequent operator action.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You have a set of what  
18 you now call off normal event procedures, which are just  
19 identified in that way, rather than emergency procedures.

20 MR. JOHNSON: They are separate and distinct.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And how many are they?

22 MR. JOHNSON: Currently we have 56. We may  
23 be reducing that, because a lot of the information in  
24 some of those ONATS -- we call them ONATS --  
25 we don't call them event procedures - - are contained in

1 the emergency procedures, so we may reduce that down to  
2 somewhere around 50.

3 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well then, is that set  
4 plus this set the totality of what I would call the  
5 emergency procedures?

6 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, will we be getting  
8 copies of your abnormal procedures later?

9 MR. JOHNSON: I thought we made -- Dick, we  
10 made some copies of those last night?

11 A VOICE; Yeah. Only procedures that have  
12 been issued **are the EP's** right now.

13 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

14 A VOICE: We only have the initial stages.

15 MEMBER EBERSOLE: We'll get the others  
16 later, then?

17 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, you will.

18 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Don't run away yet.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Has anyone at Grand Gulf  
22 tried to look at these symptom oriented procedures to  
23 see whether they are incomplete, or there are situations  
24 where the operators could, by following these, **in fact,**  
25 set down the wrong path. Has there been a conscious

1 effort to try to fault tree the procedures?

2 MR. JOHNSON: There have been two conscious  
3 efforts made. The first effort was during the generation  
4 of the guidelines themselves, and that took -- it was  
5 about a year's worth of work went into the generation  
6 of those guidelines to make sure that the guidelines do  
7 identify any event or any situation that could come up  
8 that the operator may have to contend with.

9 What we did, when we generated our procedures,  
10 we actually tried them out at the simulator to make sure  
11 that it did, in fact, correct anything that we control at  
12 the operator, and we simply walked through the Procedure  
13 in the Control Room to verify that the operator can use  
14 the procedure and does cover all the events that the  
15 operator may be required to contend with.

16 So the answer to that is yes, twice.

17 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Is this documented in  
18 some way, or is it in people's heads only?

19 MR. JOHNSON: There are three things we have  
20 documented. We have documented that the BWR group  
21 collectively provided the NRC with the guidelines and  
22 there are minutes of every meeting that are available to the  
23 NRC. We have documented the fact that the procedures --

24 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Oh no, I am sure you  
25 went through this. However, the process of

1 looking to the procedures case by case to see that they  
2 in fact do work, is that sort of thing written?

3 MR. JOHNSON: Again, the minutes of each of  
4 those meetings reflect the types of discussions that went  
5 on at the meetings to generate the guidelines.

6 And I can tell you of my own personal  
7 experience there were many agonizing hours spent.

8 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I have no doubt of that,  
9 but are you telling me that if I were to get a copy of  
10 the minutes I would find all the the --

11 MR. JOHNSON: Conversations?

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: No, all of the specific  
13 examinations of these procedures that occurred, to see  
14 that there no Achilles' heels to them?

15 MR. JOHNSON: I believe that's correct. I  
16 haven't seen the total minutes of every meeting that was  
17 conducted since the fall of '79, but I know that minutes  
18 were taken in every meeting.

19 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Are the minutes available  
20 to the NRC Staff? Do they have that?

21 MR. SCHWENCER: Are these the meetings  
22 between the GE owners group and NRC?

23 MR. JOHNSON: Right. Well, plus the meetings  
24 that were conducted by the Subgroup on the development of  
25 procedures.

1 MR. SCHWENCER: I would have to check with  
2 that and see.

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Is there any reason why  
4 they can't be made available?

5 MR. JOHNSON: Not that I know of.

6 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Okay. Well, it might be  
7 interesting to -

8 MR. McCOY: Let me make a comment along that  
9 line. Two comments. I understand what you're asking, I  
10 believe, and that is is there a formal document that shows  
11 a logic evaluation on each of the procedures, and all of  
12 the kinds of failures that could lead you into those  
13 procedures documented in a clearly written report.

14 It may or may not be to the level that you're  
15 desiring, but there was a submittal prepared, an appendix  
16 aid to the owners' group, a package of guidelines that  
17 did establish the bases; but I don't think it went to the  
18 depth you are talking about.

19 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I remember that; I don't  
20 think the depth -- I assume you don't think it gives the  
21 depth?

22 MR. McCOY: No. To my knowledge there has  
23 not been a formal prepared paper; there probably should  
24 be, once all these things are ironed out. The importance  
25 of those are such that I would think that would be a good

1 project for that industry group to undertake.

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: So I shouldn't look for  
3 the minutes to find about this?

4 MR. McCOY: I don't think so.

5 MR. SCHWENCER: Dr. Okrent, I would just  
6 mention that on page 22-9, where there's a discussion of  
7 the Staff's having observed these proceedings, we made  
8 the comment, based on the Staff review, the demonstration  
9 of the procedures in the simulator and in the Control  
10 Room, and the changes made to the procedures as a result  
11 of this process; and it went on to say that the Applicants  
12 will, as part of the review, procedure review process,  
13 incorporate provisions similar to those procedures that  
14 were reviewed by the staff.

15 So I would infer from this that the Applicants  
16 indeed have made notes of the kinds of weaknesses and will  
17 be examining each of the procedures to be sure that they  
18 are appropriately taken care of.

19 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I think you are responding  
20 to a somewhat different question. But since you've  
21 mentioned these pages, who is it that conducted the tests  
22 of these procedures at the Perry simulator? Was that the  
23 NRC who ran this show, or was it the GE, or Grand Gulf.  
24 On page 22-8 you refer to this work at Perry.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Grand Gulf sent, we sent

1 one Shift Superintendent, Roy Keaton, and 3 operators to  
2 the simulator and we demonstrated the procedures to a  
3 series of events.

4 NRC was there. The NRC was in a position to  
5 define any other events that they wanted us to go through.  
6 We had a pre plan evolution that would definitely be  
7 **unique** and that had been written up and submitted  
8 to the NRC.

9 In addition to that, they were open to throw  
10 anything they wanted at us.

11 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Now, the list given on  
12 page 22-8 of the SER, is that the group of scenarios that  
13 you brought in to test the procedures with, or --

14 MR. JOHNSON: I don't have that page with  
15 me. Al --

16 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I will read it to you if  
17 you want. Reactor feed pump trip at 100 percent power,  
18 number one. Two, reactor feed pump turbine trip at 100  
19 percent power occurring simultaneously with all bypass  
20 valves being stuck shut and followed by loss of shutdown  
21 cooling suction when the residual heat removal system is  
22 initiated. Three, reactor feed pump turbine trip at 100  
23 percent power followed by a complete loss of water level  
24 indications; four, loss of all AC power followed by a  
25 main steam line rupture in the tunnel; a steam leak in the



1 drywell, and momentary failure of the safety relief valves.

2 Sound familiar?

3 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, that sounds familiar.

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: 5, all safety relief valves  
5 failed open; 6, a spurious scram with the failure of 14  
6 control rods to scram.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: 7, a recirculation loop  
9 rupture followed by the loss of much of the emergency  
10 core cooling systems; 8, reactor feed pump trip followed  
11 by the failure of six safety relief valves and much of  
12 the emergency core cooling system;

13 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

14 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And 9, a main turbine trip  
15 without bypass valve capability.

16 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, those --

17 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Those are your --

18 MR. JOHNSON: At that time a list that we  
19 had generated previously gone out to the simulator .  
20 I wasn't there at the actual participation act . I  
21 don't know; Al, was anything else added to them while  
22 you were there?

23 MR. SCHWENCER: Al Schwencer, NRC Staff.

24 This list includes pretty conclusively the  
25 drills and exercises that were run through, using the

1 Grand Gulf Emergency procedures at the simulator.

2 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Okay. Were records made  
3 of the results of these runs from the simulator so we  
4 could go back and look at them and think about them? Do  
5 you know what I mean?

6 MR. JOHNSON: The individuals observing,  
7 participating from the NRC in there, consultants took  
8 individual notes, observing the operators at each one of  
9 the stations.

10 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: No, you misunderstood me.

11 The simulated plant behaves a certain way,  
12 given the transients that were proposed, and their charts  
13 would read the, the pressure would read so and so from  
14 the time; the power did something else; and the turbine  
15 did something else --

16 MR. JOHNSON: No, there were no such records  
17 kept.

18 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: You did not keep those  
19 records?

20 MR. JOHNSON: No, sir.

21 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Enough of that; I just  
22 wanted to make the observation. Okay, well I guess I'm  
23 back to my original question of whether these things were  
24 faulty, but I guess that is not the answer.

25 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You seem to have divided

1 emergency and abnormal procedures into two sets, of which  
2 we have one, these 10 things that you call emergency  
3 procedures?

4 MR. JOHNSON: Correct.

5 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You call the others  
6 abnormal conditions?

7 MR. JOHNSON: Offnormal positions.

8 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Right. I think the general  
9 context of this I.C.8 is that these are all in the same  
10 pot, you know; they are emergency and abnormal procedures.  
11 But you've got them in two separate groups.

12 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And we'll be getting the  
14 second set, offnormal.

15 Did the Staff look at the offnormal set, or  
16 you looked at only this set?

17 This is all oriented to the direct effects  
18 of not cooling the core, or whatever. Is that correct?  
19 These are in point positions. It can be started with the  
20 line by other things, if you are going to try to intercept  
21 before you get this low.

22 MR. JOHNSON: That's correct.

23 MEMBER EBERSOLI: And I'm much interested in  
24 how you're going to stop these things from occurring  
25 before you get down this far.

1 MR. JOHNSON: Okay, there are essentially  
2 three levels of action that the operator takes.

3 The first level of action is in response to  
4 an alarm. There are somewhere around a thousand or so  
5 alarm windows in and around the plant. Probably 4 or  
6 500 of those just in the main Control Room.

7 Each of these windows, there has been a one  
8 or two page procedure written, how to react to that alarm  
9 and the corrective action that the operators take in  
10 response to that alarm coming in.

11 If the operator is doing his job, and if  
12 the Plant is only having a single event accident, or  
13 single event offnormal condition, then the corrective  
14 action taken to that enunciated window would stop the  
15 event at that point.

16 If there were more than one cause of the  
17 condition that was going on, then these would be lumped  
18 together in an offnormal event procedure.

19 And the operator would work his way -- he  
20 would find himself with three of four enunciators, he  
21 would find himself with a lump sum running when they  
22 were supposed to run.

23 If he would use the offnormal event  
24 procedure to stop the transient or stop the event at  
25 that point; if at any time it grew into a plantwide event

1 or plantwide transient, then the emergency procedures which  
2 you have copies of would take into the account and be  
3 used at that point.

4 Normally the transient should be stopped at  
5 the alarm point, when the operator responds to the alarm,  
6 corrects the condition that the alarm window indicates,  
7 that should stop the transient.

8 MEMBER EBERSOLE: What do you call the --  
9 what's commonly called the critical service water system  
10 at this time? What's the name for it?

11 MR. JOHNSON: This is the raw water.

12 MEMBER EBERSOLE: The raw cooling water  
13 from the base of the tower; this is the alternate heat  
14 sink water.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. That's our standby  
16 service water, we call that.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Standby service water?

18 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

19 MEMBER EBERSOLE: How many pumps in that?  
20 Well, forget it. Let me arbitrarily say that no matter  
21 how many pumps, one that's being maintained and the other  
22 is broke down for one reason or another.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Right.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: So you have service water  
25 that's gone to a static low condition. A number of things

1 are going to start happening, in order. Things are going  
2 to get hot; a man has so much time to do certain things.

3 Is that developed in the abnormal procedures?

4 MR. JOHNSON: Off Normal. I think what  
5 we're talking about are two different things. There's  
6 a Plant service water system that's used during normal  
7 power operation.

8 MEMBER EBERSOLE: No, I'm in the tripped  
9 mode.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, if you're in the tripped  
11 mode, you're in an accident condition, and the steam  
12 service water system has started.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, I got that way  
14 because it was tripped.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. The operator again  
16 would be responding to parameters. He would be watching  
17 temperatures in the reactor recirculation system, the  
18 shutdown cooling system; the RHR system; it's suppression  
19 pool, and he would be responding to those temperature  
20 increases.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, does he not know in  
22 advance how fast that condition is going to become at  
23 this point? And isn't he supposed to lift off the  
24 current and restore that water flow? That's his first  
25 consideration?

1 MR. JOHNSON: Oh, right. First, you know, he  
2 would get alarm if a pump, a standby service water pump,  
3 tripped. He would get an alarm telling him that the pump  
4 had tripped, and he would respond to that alarm by  
5 starting a standby pump, starting a second pump.

6 MEMBER EBERSOLE: If that were to happen,  
7 does he know how fast he's got to move?

8 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. Right now he may not  
9 know, although the simulator -- we do make an attempt to  
10 do those kinds of things; trip cool water pumps and allow  
11 the operator to perceive how fast these things are going  
12 to occur.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Are the diesels cooled by  
14 this water?

15 MR. JOHNSON: What?

16 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Are your diesels cooled by  
17 this water?

18 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, they are.

19 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, probably that's the  
20 fastest rising problem you've got.

21 MR. JOHNSON: That's true.

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And so he ought to know;  
23 I presume you will tell him that's he's got X minutes,  
24 or he's going to be in big trouble.

25 MR. JOHNSON: That's true. That's part of

1 the training that he'll get.

2           Where possible, if there is a critical time,  
3 for instance in the recirculation pumps, if you lose the  
4 seal water from the **minipurge** system, you've got a  
5 specified amount of time.

6           We do put that in the procedures, so if the  
7 alarm comes in that he's lost that pressure, as he's  
8 going through he knows that he's got one minute or two  
9 minutes.

10           We do make an attempt to put those kind of  
11 numbers in there when they're known.

12           MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, the offnormal  
13 conditions would be an interesting set of documents.

14           MR. JOHNSON: .Okay.

15           MR. McCOY: May I comment please? Mr.  
16 Ebersole, let me try and clarify a little bit the  
17 relationship of the ONAPS or the offnormal procedures  
18 to the emergency procedures.

19           One of the lessons learned from Three Mile  
20 Island was that the existing procedures which used all  
21 the equipment, what we are calling ONAPS here, left an  
22 operator in a severe condition, with multiple procedures  
23 he was trying to follow simultaneously, and did not get  
24 his mind focused on the big picture and protecting the  
25 reactor.



1           The emergency procedures are oriented that  
2 at any time he recognizes of these entry conditions,  
3 all the entry conditions to the emergency procedures, and  
4 those are very few but we emphasize them over and over --  
5 he immediately reverts to emergency procedure and gets  
6 the big picture back and reacts to that.

7           If it is not that bad, if he's at some  
8 stage in between, we have these offnormal procedures  
9 that specify step by step what actions can be taken.

10           For instance, we do have a procedure on loss  
11 of standby service water and how to restore that, and he  
12 would be following that. However, if his suppression  
13 pool temperature should reach the entry condition, he  
14 would immediately revert to the emergency procedures.

15           MEMBER EBERSOLE: These are the in points.

16           MR. McCOY: That's correct, yes.

17           MEMBFR EBERSOLE: All right, thank you.

18           MR. SCHWENCER: We'll just answer briefly  
19 that the Staff is holding procedures open. There are a  
20 number of procedures we have not seen, starting out with  
21 about page 22-5 on through the write-up on I.C.8 . There  
22 are a number of areas at this time that we're waiting to  
23 review. One reason for this is that the Applicant has  
24 not confirmed to us that he has **revised the** emergency  
25 operation procedures, and we must have that prior to

1 operation.

2 LARRY DALE

3 MR. DALE: My name is Larry Dale. I'm the  
4 Manager of Nuclear Services for the Mississippi Power and  
5 Light Company, and I've been asked to talk to you this  
6 afternoon about the Status of the Mark III Containmentment.

7 I realize that you said you didn't want any  
8 background, but I felt like this little bit of evolution  
9 was necessary in order to discuss the changes that we  
10 have had in the containments since that was one of the  
11 issues you were interested in.

12 Back when we first began designing the Grand  
13 Gulf containment, it was a fairly new concept, and we  
14 were designing based on conservative parameters, based  
15 on and involving design at that time.

16 We had numerous meetings with the regulatory  
17 staff and discussed specifics of the design, and we had  
18 to discuss at great length, back during the ACRS meetings,  
19 back during the construction permit stage.

20 In July of 1975, General Electric issued  
21 **NEEDO** 1111+, which was a low definition for the Mark  
22 III containment, and it did embrace both pool swells and  
23 SRB loads.

24 It called for the use of static loads, the  
25 dynamic amplification factors to be applied by

1 prospective architect engineers.

2 Then in July of '76, NEEDO 1131408 was  
3 issued, which addressed the containment loads in terms of  
4 dynamic loads.

5 Then GSAR: 2, Appendix 3b was issued in  
6 November of 1980. It called for the use of plant's  
7 specific parameters where necessary.

8 Grand Gulf is designed to the methodology  
9 called for in GSR? 2, Appendix 3b across the board, and  
10 we have incorporated plant specific parameters where  
11 necessary.

12 One example would be the SRB load, because  
13 the differences in the number of devices and things of  
14 that type.

15 Very quickly to talk about some of the  
16 changes that came about as a result of changes in the  
17 definition of pool swell load, we deleted a solids

18 concrete floor at an elevation of 120  
19 above the pool, and added steel grating catwalk at the  
20 same elevation due to pool swell.

21 We relocated some of the equipment to above  
22 elevation 135. The major piece of equipment that comes  
23 to mind that we relocated was the reactor water cleanup  
24 pumps. They were moved out into the auxiliary building.

25 We relocated and strengthened the main steam

1 tunnel floor above pool swell zone. We elevated that  
2 steam tunnel floor approximately five feet, and  
3 strengthened the bottom of it.

4 We added a suppression pool makeup system.  
5 The reason for this was we needed to be able to lower the  
6 level of the suppression pool, in order to reduce the pool  
7 swell levels; and in order to have adequate heat sink  
8 post LOCA, we added the upper suppression pool makeup  
9 in order to drain approximately, I think it's 37,000  
10 cubic feet of water down into the suppression pool.

11 On the tip station, which sat just above the  
12 pool swell level, we projected the floor of the tip  
13 station down into the suppression pool, in order for the  
14 tip station not to experience an impact load, but rather  
15 a drag load. And the action projects down below the  
16 level of the pool.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: When you moved the reactor  
18 water cleanup system outside, I guess you knew you were  
19 buying a piece of trouble; and because of the potential  
20 for a failure of that system in a machinery environment  
21 outside, and a necessity now to be sure without fail that  
22 you close it.

23 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You encourage that as a  
25 disadvantageous aspect of that?

1 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: That system will isolate?

3 MR. DALE: Right.

4 MEMBER EBERSOLE: That gets back to the  
5 faith in valves.

6 (Laughter)

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Is that, when you moved it,  
8 into what machinery area did you put it? I'm interested  
9 in whether you put it in an area where you could have  
10 **cross-couple effects** due to steam and water, environmental  
11 changes due to potential pipe **ruptures in the reactor water**  
12 cleanup system.

13 Is it associated -- is it an independent  
14 room it's in; is it intermixed with RCIC, or --

15 MR. DALE: No, it's in an independent room.

16 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Is that room led? into the  
17 outside by any chance? Did you take special precautions  
18 to clear the steam that might come out of that system?

19 MR. DALE: I'm going to ask Mr. McCoy to  
20 address that.

21 MR. McCOY: Yes, that is an independent room;  
22 it's in the upper level of the auxiliary building, and  
23 it is vented into the auxiliary building.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Vented into the auxiliary  
25 building?

1 MR. McCOY: Right.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: But in the auxiliary  
3 building there's lots of things you want to keep running,  
4 aren't there?

5 MR. McCOY: Yes, there are.

6 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And so it gets back to the  
7 valve closure?

8 MR. McCOY: That is correct.

9 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Right.

10 MR. McCOY: We understand your concern.

11 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Before you remove that,  
12 when might you need the suppression pool makeup system  
13 and what has to work for it to work, do you know what I  
14 mean?

15 MR. DALE: The suppression pool makeup  
16 system will initiate and dump the part of the upper pool  
17 into the suppression pool, in order to provide additional  
18 heat sink capacity after the LOCA has occurred, and it  
19 will -- well, a LOCA sequel plus, I believe, is 30  
20 minutes, it will automatically initiate and dump into  
21 the suppression pool.

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Percentage wise, what  
23 increment does that add?

24 MR. DALE: The suppression pool itself is  
25 137,000 cubic feet, and the portions of the pool

1 developed is approximately 36 to 37,000 cubic feet. So  
2 it increases the suppression pool capacity to 175,000  
3 approximately.

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Automatically, what has  
5 to happen?

6 MR. DALE: The system dumps by way of two  
7 30 inch lines that come out of the separator storage  
8 pit. They travel down along the steam tunnel, and  
9 terminate just below -- I'm sorry, just above the steam  
10 tunnel open pipe into the wetwell area.

11 There are two series of valves in each line,  
12 both of which have to be open in order to allow one or  
13 both lines to initiate and dump that volume.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: That will increase the  
15 submergence of the vent pipes by a considerable amount.

16 MR. DALE: Yes, sir. By that time your  
17 first \_\_\_\_\_ transient is over, and you're trying then  
18 to make sure that you've still got enough water in the  
19 suppression pool in order to account for any traffic  
20 volumes like vessels in the ECCS lines, or anything of  
21 that type.

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And so the area in the  
23 drywell holds, right? What sort of head does that now  
24 require that you've developed to get the water in the  
25 pools?

1 MR. DALE: Those lines will dump in 3.75  
2 minutes with both lines, and it take  $7\frac{1}{2}$  minutes for one  
3 line.

4 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yeah, I know. But after  
5 you've dumped this water in, you might have had 6 feet  
6 of water cover on the top section of pipes, and now  
7 you're going to have more than that.

8 How much cover do you have over the  
9 suppression pipes now, after you dump --

10 MR. DALE: It will -- it's less than 5 feet  
11 9 inches; I know that because that is the difference in  
12 the level between the suppression pool wall and the top  
13 of the rear wall.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Originally it was  
15 submerged how much? A couple -- your top row of pipes  
16 is not so far down, is it?

17 MR. DALE: The difference between the top  
18 of the top vent -- let's see, the center line of the top  
19 vent is 11.4 plus 14 inches, so it's 12.6; and -- let  
20 me think -- the water level is 18.7. So it's 6 feet  
21 1 inch in all.

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: So there would be a  
23 substantial increase in submergence when you dump this  
24 water in?

25 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.



1 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

2 MR. DALE: Except that you have taken, by  
3 this time you have taken some of the big water out.

4 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Oh, yes, the big burden  
5 is off.

6 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And what again actuates  
7 this phenomonaee?

8 MR. DALE: You have to have a LOCA signal.--

9 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Pardon me, the term LOCA  
10 signal --

11 MR. DALE: Well, it's --

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: It's not clear in my mind.

13 MR. DALE: Excuse me, sir. It's plus 175  
14 pounds in the drywell or below water level in the vessel.  
15 That is what constitutes a LOCA signal.

16 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Either one of those, plus  
17 30 minutes, would actuate that?

18 MR. DALE: It would automatically initiate  
19 under those conditions.

20 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And the operator can --

21 MR. DALE: The operator can initiate it, he  
22 can initiate it earlier, but only if he's got LOCA  
23 permissive.

24 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: And can he prevent it  
25 from going after it's been signaled?

1 MR. DALE: Let me see just one second. John,  
2 can you answer that?

3 MR. McGAUGHY: Excuse me just one second.  
4 (inaudible discussion)

5 MR. DALE: I'm told you can't intercept it;  
6 can't stop it.

7 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Are there any maintenance  
8 valves in these lines, aside from the motor?

9 MR. DALE: I don't believe so. The only one  
10 I know is the relief valve between the two valves which  
11 would allow relief of any pressure that builds up due  
12 to heat between those two valves. This will lead back  
13 to the top valve.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You said this was initiated  
15 by what pressure in the drywell?

16 MR. DALE: It's 1.75 pounds in the drywell.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Is the air cooling system  
18 in the drywell safety grade or not?

19 MR. DALE: No, sir.

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, with the air cooling  
21 system, which is not safety grade, don't I get an  
22 incoming pressure high enough to trip this system after  
23 a brief interval, just by stopping the non-safety air  
24 ventilation? I heat up, of course.

25 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

1 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I think you tripped it  
2 because of air heat up.

3 MR. DALE: I can't say that it wouldn't  
4 be safe at 1.75 or not.

5 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I would suggest you look  
6 at that aspect of that pressure increase, because of  
7 that sort of thing. Because that's not a safety system,  
8 and it's probably been a nasty thought. .

9 MR. DALE: Yes, sir; we certainly will.

10 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Has this change in design  
11 increased or decreased the liability or ability to store  
12 heat and remove heat from the containment from what it  
13 was before?

14 MR. DALE: Intuitively, I would have to  
15 say it has, because we now have a larger heat sink in  
16 the suppression pool.

17 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Larger than in your  
18 original design, or larger than you have without any?

19 MR. DALE: Well, the suppression pool --  
20 sir? Okay --

21 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: You used to have a higher  
22 water level --

23 MR. DALE: I was fixing to say we would have  
24 higher water level, and I can't -- I do not know what  
25 that original level was, you know, what the difference

1 was in original level versus what the level is now, and  
2 how that would compare to the volume that comes from the  
3 upper pool.

4 MR. McGAUGHY: Over all, you've got a more  
5 inclusion now than before.

6 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Over all you have --

7 MR. McGAUGHY: After the dump you have more  
8 than you did before without the dump.

9 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Does that present an  
10 additional vent clearing problem?

11 MR. DALE: You've already cleared your vents  
12 by the time this system initiates.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, I just had been --  
14 just while ago where you hadn't figured  
15 anything on that. You know the heat up by air - - -  
16 Have you eliminated, or do you argue that you will never  
17 have to do vent clearing after you have dumped this  
18 water?

19 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You will never have --  
21 even the SRV system pump? You remember, your turbine  
22 is down. Won't you have to do vent clearing for a long  
23 time after this water has been dumped? And doesn't that  
24 prevent some new vent clearing load because of the  
25 additional submergence?

1 MR. CLONINGER: This is Ted Cloninger, I'm  
2 Manager of Project Engineering.

3 I think you have to make the assumption that  
4 with exception of **these areas** you calculated we've got  
5 to look into, you have to assume that you've got a  
6 genuine LOCA signal; that you had in fact blown down so  
7 so that your pressure is such that the suppression pool  
8 has accepted the blowdown and **energy** absorption has  
9 fulfilled its function.

10 I can't foresee, after that situation, a  
11 scenario that would lead to a further energy transport  
12 across the vent system.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I didn't say across the  
14 LOCA dump system; I was in the vent pipes, the SRV's.

15 MR. McGAUGHY: Let me -- we have done an  
16 analysis of what happened if you have an inadvertent  
17 dump and then have a LOCA. It will cause an increase  
18 in the **drywell** pressure. And of course the  
19 designed calculated **22,000**, and the design valve  
20 was 30.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Well, that's a fairly low  
22 probability, but the odds are you are going to have to,  
23 without a shadow of a doubt, continue to operate the  
24 SRV's; and then you have some **very serious problems**.

25 MR. DALE: I think the situation that you

1 postulate; I think that from that standpoint that you would  
2 be in a better situation from the standpoint of relieving  
3 through the quenchers, via the SRV discharge lines with  
4 a water to water intort .

5 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You think you'd be better  
6 off?

7 MR. DALE: That would be my judgment. I  
8 think if there were some way that you could postulate,  
9 unless there was some way that you would have to clear the  
10 wier wall vents with a higher water intort , you  
11 may have in fact a larger -- if you had another pool  
12 swell by some scenario I can't even contemplate, then  
13 you would in fact have a situation for higher loads.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Right. I didn't postulate  
15 that. But let's go on.

16 MR. McCOY: Could I make a comment on the  
17 question that we addressed earlier on the reactor water  
18 cleanup, just a clarification.

19 We do have a door on that room and a blow  
20 out pl g that relieves into a blow out shaft, the  
21 atmosphere, and when that door is closed, it will direct  
22 it out, rather than into the auxiliary building.

23 So that has been addressed.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: At this extent, it looks  
25 like a turbin hall, doesn't it? It goes to outdoors?

1 MR. McCOY: Yes, it does.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And not to other machinery.  
3 That was a thoughtful design feature. Thank you.

4 MR. DALE: Okay. Moving on to the changes  
5 that we've had to make due to the hydrogen and the load  
6 specifications, of course we've had to requalify all  
7 simulated equipment instructors for the seismic and hydrogen  
8 end flows. . . . Major equipment modifications, we've  
9 had to add rail clips to the polar frame bridge; we've  
10 had to stiffen the polar frame well support brackets;  
11 we've had to modify valve components , beef them up some;  
12 we've had to modify first compressor after cooler nozzels;  
13 we've upgraded and added dynamic supports for piping and  
14 its covers; we have added and/or modified approximately  
15 1800 pipe supports and hangers, and we've made some minor  
16 modifications to the floor steel.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Did you have to add  
18 anything to the battery supports?

19 MR. DALE: Battery supports?

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes. From a seismic  
21 viewpoint.

22 MR. CLONINGER: The batteries are not in the  
23 containment building.

24 MEMBER BENDER: This is just in the containment  
25 building? . . . Excuse me . . . Forget it..

1 MR. DALE: That basically concludes the  
2 discussion of what we have -- the design evolution that  
3 we've seen on the Mark III containment since we started  
4 the project.

5 I would now like to address the question of  
6 suppression pool bypass, which the Committee had wanted  
7 to hear something about.

8 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Before you go on to that  
9 topic, if I understand correctly there is an open issue  
10 in the area of loads on the grading, or something of this  
11 sort.

12 MR. DALE: Yes, sir, that's --

13 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Can you tell us what you  
14 think about that?

15 MR. DALE: Well, it's my understanding that  
16 the **regulatory** staff has a presentation to make on the  
17 open issues on the Grand Gulf Mark III. I was going to  
18 say just a very few words about it at the conclusion of  
19 this presentation, and then defer to the staff.

20 MR. HOUSTON: No, we don't have a staff  
21 presentation in that particular area.

22 MR. McGAUGHY: We can address that.

23 MR. DALE: We can address those issues if  
24 you so desire.

25 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Well, I --



1 MR. DALE: We thought the staff was going to,  
2 but we came, we're prepared to.

3 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I would appreciate about  
4 two minutes of which identify the problem as you see it,  
5 identify what the alternatives are, or its resolution,  
6 indicating where you thought it was going to go.

7 MR. CLONINGER: This is Ted Cloninger,  
8 Manager of Project Engineering at MP&L.

9 When Reg 1 of the USAR containment load  
10 report was issued, there was a design drag load pressure  
11 of 11 **PSID** across the elevation 133 HCU -4 in the open  
12 grading areas.

13 In that report, based on the interpretation,  
14 or misinterpretation or misstatement -- that's kind of a  
15 moot point at this time -- it was assumed that the drag load  
16 that was applied 35% of the open area of the grading.

17 Rev 2 to USAR was issued in the spring of  
18 this year that led to the conclusion that  
19 11 **PSID** should be applied to the total area of the  
20 grading.

21 We had designed the grading and the attendant  
22 supports on the elevation 133 HCU for the lower drag load.  
23 As a result of that, and reviewing the new loading  
24 criteria, we found ourselves in an untenable situation  
25 from the standpoint of meeting design criteria formulating

1 across that floor.

2 We had in the recent two or three months,  
3 been meeting with the N triple S of GE, as well as the  
4 NRC staff, to look at the source of data and the modeling  
5 that resulted in 11 psid load across the HCU floor.

6 We are now on project, making assessment to  
7 see what corrective action we can take that will result  
8 in an acceptable loading criteria to both the staff --  
9 excuse me, to the staff.

10 We are looking at the standpoint of taking  
11 out grading in the plant; doing some alternate failure  
12 criteria for the structural steel on the HCU floor.

13 At this point in time that studying is  
14 going forth essentially around the clock. We do not  
15 know right now what the ultimate capability of that floor  
16 will be, and what the results of some innovating thinking  
17 of reducing the drag load as much as possible.

18 I would like to point out that the 11 psid  
19 loading is a very debatable low criteria, at least from  
20 the standpoint of me and my staff.

21 The data presented by GE in their series of  
22 test runs leads to considerable debate and considerable  
23 interpretation. We feel like the 11 psid loading criteria  
24 is extremely conservative.

25 We developed arguments and met with the NRC

1 staff supporting a much lower loading. At this point in  
2 time, we have not come to an acceptable agreement, and  
3 will be pursuing this matter over the next week or two  
4 almost full time.

5 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: If the loading in the  
6 Rev 2, I think you called it, remains the requirement,  
7 do you have a design approach to cope with it; at least  
8 one?

9 MR. CLONINGER: I would say at this point  
10 that 11 psid would be very difficult. We would exceed  
11 the capacity of many of the concrete inbedments under  
12 the containment liner, which would lead to major  
13 structural modifications.

14 It would be very difficult for me to  
15 speculate on if there is in fact a reasonable designed  
16 resolution for the 11 psid loading criteria. It would  
17 be very difficult.

18 MEMBER EBERSOLE: If I understand it, what  
19 you have is there an angular floor, partly concrete and  
20 partly graded. Why did you put the concrete in, anyway?

21 MR. CLONINGER: There are certain areas in  
22 the -- on the HCU floor, in fact the hydraulic control  
23 units rest on concrete floor. Unfortunately, I was not  
24 with MP&L back in those criteria days. Perhaps maybe  
25 Jim or someone could maybe elaborate on that a little

1 more, but it is my understanding that there are some  
2 components requiring composite type floors.

3 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Are you telling me that  
4 you have equipment up in there that needs kind of a blast  
5 shield?

6 MR. CLONINGER: We have equipment up there  
7 in fact has spray shields already designed for impact  
8 loads. Let me be careful. We do not have an impact  
9 load problem. We are adequately designed from impact.

10 The **implosion** thing is that we have  
11 grading over open areas, and we have a drag load  
12 phenomenon because of that grading in the open areas.

13 If you can postulate in all the open areas,  
14 we can remove all the grading, and that really is our  
15 approach right now is to take out as much grading as  
16 possible to reduce the loading that is imparted to the  
17 supporting structural steel by the drag line phenomenon.

18 So the concrete really gives us no problem  
19 with the exception that it cuts down the open area and  
20 makes your, the **orifice** effect that really is the  
21 **culprit** of the differential pressure across the floor  
22 more difficult.

23 MEMBER EBERSOLE: The grading is just to  
24 walk on, isn't it?

25 MR. CLONINGER: That's correct, sir.

1 MEMBER EBERSOLE: People can walk on less than  
2 graded portion.

3 MR. CLONINGER: That's very true, and that  
4 is our approach is to look at resolutions that would be  
5 to remove large panels of grading and replace the smaller  
6 catwalks, to cut down on the area that the drag load must  
7 be calculated on, in addition to looking at some  
8 resolution of hinge **frame** .

9 We have a couple of equipment access hatches  
10 that we will be evaluating for removal. It is a  
11 **multiphasic** type approach to try to solve this very  
12 severe problem.

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Just one other question.  
15 You reminded me; you mention the snubbers and you have  
16 snubbers for other reasons also.

17 How do you assure yourself that the  
18 mechanical snubbers that you're using have been properly  
19 designed, built, tested, so that they'll an acceptably  
20 low failure rate, and what is an unacceptably high failure  
21 rate, from your point of view?

22 MR. DALE: Here again since that is  
23 engineering question, I am going to defer that to Mr.  
24 Cloninger.

25 MR. CLONINGER: The snubber testing program

1 that resulted in the IE bulletin is really being managed  
2 by Ken McCoy's part of the inservice inspection, so I  
3 would like for him to tell us what our program is.

4 MR. McCOY: If I understand your question  
5 properly, the way the assure ourselves the operability  
6 of those is by periodic testing of the mechanical  
7 snubbers, and we do have a dynamic test capability at the  
8 site for all the snubbers.

9 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: But that will only tell  
10 you when you test them whether or not they are free or  
11 binding, and my question relates to what is an unacceptedly  
12 high rate of binding in such snubbers, and how do you  
13 assure yourself you won't have that unacceptably high  
14 rate, whatever it is?

15 MR. McCOY: There have been studies,  
16 reliability studies done.

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1                   The testing intervals are based upon those  
2 studies, and the frequency of testing increases with any  
3 failures detected, and there are criteria on the  
4 performance of the snubbers during the test.

5                   CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Let's see, this is a Staff  
6 document, or Grand Gulf document, or INPO document, or  
7 is there a document?

8                   MR. DALE: Yes, there is a bulletin. The  
9 IE bulletin was issued that since the test ran, since  
10 probablistic and statistical sampling that determines your  
11 failure rate, and the attendant larger sample size,  
12 if you remove X number of snubbers, stroke them with  
13 accepted criteria and they fail, then you have to enlarge  
14 your sample size.

15                   So basically it is a staff mandated sample  
16 plan.

17                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: Do you stroke them at  
18 prescribed rates, or just see that they're proved?

19                   MR. McCOY: They do have rates associated  
20 with them.

21                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: You do ?

22                   MR. McCOY: Yes.

23                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: All right, thank you.

24                   CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Let's see; I guess if the  
25 Staff would remind me at some time just what document

1 it is I can find the rationale for the inspection numbers.  
2 Not only the inspection rate, but the rationale for them.  
3 I would appreciate it.

4           And while we're talking about the  
5 inspection, without trying to get an answer today, since  
6 we may not have the right people anyway, unless it's on  
7 the Agenda, by the time we next meet or before, could the  
8 Staff tell me what kind of inservice inspection is  
9 performed for penetrations of the lower head, and on  
10 what basis it's judged to be adequate. You know that's **where**  
11 the control rod **drives** come in. Okay?

12           Thank you.

13           MR. SCHWENCER: Okay.

14           MR. DALE: Moving on to the subject of  
15 suppression pool bypass, the force of the pressure  
16 suppression technology, the reactor containment, the  
17 concept of any steam released in the drywell would pass  
18 through the suppression pool and be condensed.

19           In order to mitigate the effects of any  
20 steam that might possibly bypass the Grand Gulf suppression  
21 pool, we do have an automatic initiation of containment  
22 spray system on high drywell pressure after a LOCA plus  
23 10 minutes.

24           Now, we have calculated the maximum allowable  
25 leakage capacity of our drywell, which is controlled by



1 the small break accident, assuming that one spray comes  
2 on at LOCA plus 13 minutes, and based on this calculation  
3 we've determined the maximum allowable leakage capacity  
4 for Grand Gulf is an A over root K equals 0.9 square  
5 feet, and the Staff has concurred in this calculation.

6 In order to prove Grand Gulf drywell retains  
7 its leak tight integrity, we have committed to perform  
8 periodic low pressure leakage tests at each refueling  
9 outage on the drywell at a pressure of 3 pounds per  
10 square inch differential, which is the pressure associated  
11 with the compression of water in the vent **angles down** to  
12 the top of the first drywell, and our acceptance criteria  
13 for this test is equal to 10% of the allowable leakage  
14 capacities, 0.9 square feet; and here again the Staff  
15 has concurred in this criteria.

16 MEMBER EBERSOLE: That's for the one spray  
17 system on?

18 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

19 MEMBER EBERSOLE: With one spray system on,  
20 what fraction of the K unit can you take out? Do you  
21 know that, offhand?

22 MR. DALE: I really don't know, offhand.  
23 Of course we do have the two spray systems.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And you're leaking nine-  
25 tenths?

1 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

2 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And what condition is that  
3 out in the wetwell area? That's going to the wetwell  
4 void space . Right?

5 MR. DALE: Yes, sir. And the spray covers  
6 the entire containment on down into the wetwell.

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You mean in the wetwell  
8 instance ?

9 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

10 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I see.

11 MR. DALE: The containment in wetwell or  
12 one volume?

13 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes. Either -- is there  
14 a spray in the drywell here?

15 A VOICE: No.

16 MR. DALE: No.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: There's no spray in this  
18 drywell?

19 MR. DALE: No, sir.

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: So you're condensing this  
21 as it leaks out?

22 MR. DALE: Yes, sir. Now, I have information  
23 on the tests that we've conducted on the drywell. We  
24 have done high pressure testing on the drywell in the  
25 pre-operational phase.

1                   We did a pre-operational structural integrity  
2 test on the drywell; pumped it up to 30 psig, and based  
3 on the results of deflection and strain measurements,  
4 we determined that the structure responded in the elastic  
5 range, and there was no sign of permanent damage that we  
6 could find to the structure.

7                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: What's the hottest operating  
8 pressure it receives?

9                   MR. DALE: The pressure it receives during  
10 a main steam line break is 22.

11                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: So you were well above  
12 that?

13                   MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

14                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: What did you do, blank  
15 off the pipes?

16                   MR. DALE: Yes, sir; put caps on the vents.

17                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: Great.

18                   MR. DALE: Now, at the conclusion of that  
19 test, we then did a pre-operational leakage test on  
20 the drywell. We let it leak down to 22½ psid, and  
21 measured the leakage out of it; confirmed the leakage  
22 based on the leak down rate, temperature changes, etcetera,  
23 and the acceptance criteria was 84,000 SCFM: our  
24 measured leakage was 3200 SCFM.

25                   MEMBER EBERSOLE: At what psid was that?

1 MR. DALE: That was the time integrated  
2 leakage over the leak down.

3 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes, but what was the  
4 pressure in the drywell?

5 MR. DALE: It started at 30. See, we did  
6 this test immediately after the original construction  
7 integrity test, as we brought it down.

8 We believe that both of these tests show  
9 that our drywell has been designed and constructed to  
10 perform its intended function, and it is a fairly leak  
11 tight structure.

12 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Would you put the previous  
13 transparency on, please?

14 Could you remind me again why it was it was  
15 a small break that was used, instead of  
16 capacity among some other break?

17 MR. DALE: Okay. Due to the large break,  
18 what happens is that you get a higher pressure in the  
19 drywell, but you blow in the primary system a lot quicker,  
20 and the bypass, potential bypass, associated with a  
21 small break, is more severe, because you would only  
22 depressurize -- I am sorry, depress the water  
23 where it angles down to the top of the first vent, and  
24 we assume that the operator would then institute an  
25 orderly shutdown of the reactor system at 100 degrees

1 fahrenheit per hour, and that differential would exist  
2 over 6 hours until it gets depressurized.

3 And based on that, we do have a more severe  
4 leakage problem because it's a lot longer. You know,  
5 it's low pressure, it's a lot longer event than with a  
6 large break; and that's why it controls.

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: The old-fashioned drywell  
8 was cooled by spray, which yours is not. That puts the  
9 burden on the air cooling system to keep it cool, and  
10 you're at pressure temperature, and you recall the earlier  
11 question we asked about what happens when you lose that  
12 non-safety system?

13 MR. DALE: Yes, sir.

14 MEMBER EBERSOLE: And what do you do? Do  
15 you depressurize and get the primary temperature as  
16 quick as you can?

17 Do you have that system?

18 MR. DALE: Are you talking about drywell  
19 cooling?

20 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes.

21 A VOICE: That's in the containment control --

22 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Your heat source is the  
23 reactor vessel in the pipes, and it's pretty hot; like  
24 600 or so. It's well above the temperature that you  
25 can tolerate -- high heat.

1 MR. McGAUGHY: I will ask Gill Johnson to  
2 address that as an address in the Operating Procedures.

3 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Is that another one of  
4 these abnormal offnormal --

5 MR. JOHNSON: No, you look in Emergency  
6 Procedure 3, which is containment control, there are a  
7 number of parameters that the operator would take  
8 corrective action on.

9 One of those is drywell temperature, and  
10 the corrective action in that situation is to bring the  
11 primary pressure and **temperature down as rapidly as possible.**

12 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Thank you.

13 MR. DALE: The only other thing I would  
14 like to address is the fact that we -- you know, the  
15 question came up this morning about an owner group, and  
16 we said which owner group.

17 We do have a Mark III containment owner  
18 group, which was organized in October 1976. MP&L has  
19 been a very active member since the inception of that  
20 owners group.

21 It **primarily** gathers together to allow  
22 the architect engineers, interacting through their  
23 respective owners, to compare notes, if you will, on  
24 the design of Mark III containment, to insure that we  
25 have consistent application of the methodology in the

1 design of containment.

2 For brevity's sake, that's all I'll say about  
3 that.

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I'm trying to understand  
5 something. I'm looking at this procedure 3, and it says,  
6 spray the drywell; and I thought we heard a moment ago  
7 there is no spray in the drywell.

8 I'm not sure if I heard it wrong or read it  
9 wrong.

10 MR. McGAUGHY: Maybe it's printed wrong.

11 A VOICE: Gill Johnson can address that.

12 MR. JOHNSON: In the current designs, there  
13 is a fire protection system that can be used to affect  
14 the water spray in the drywell.

15 However, that system, from what I understand,  
16 is being deleted, and that step in the procedure is going  
17 to be deleted when that system is completely added to  
18 design.

19 It's a fire protection spray, and not  
20 intended to be a pressure suppression or temperature  
21 suppression spray.

22 But we saw it in the original design, and we  
23 took credit for it.

24 MEMBER BENDER: What do you mean by taking  
25 credit for it. Is it still there?

1 MR. McGAUGHY: He took credit for it in his  
2 procedure, as a way of alleviating a symptom; but they  
3 didn't know safety analysis. They took credit for that.

4 MEMBER BENDER: Is it there? Is it useful?

5 MR. CLONINGER: This is Ted Cloninger. No,  
6 sir, it is not there. When we evaluated that particular  
7 system, we tried to, from a design standpoint, tried to  
8 look at a water fire-proof suppression type of sprinkler  
9 system, and tried to predict what this effect would be.

10 Would it be beneficial or adverse? It's very  
11 difficult when you've got essentially very crude sprinkler  
12 heads, so that was our decision; to remove that system.

13 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: How warm can the drywell  
14 get if you were to go into the situation Mr. Ebersole  
15 mentioned, and you couldn't restore the current cooling  
16 capabilities in drywell?

17 MR. CLONINGER: I would like to point out  
18 here, I was advised -- I don't know if it's in the  
19 procedure -- but from design standpoint, design concept,  
20 we would expect that if drywell pressure was being  
21 tracked, and you lost drywell cooling, and the operator  
22 would take action to crack the drywell vent valves,  
23 drywell purge valves, to relieve pressure, that would be  
24 from design standpoint, design capability to maintain  
25 pressure in the drywell.



1 MEMBER BENDER: Does he have to remember to  
2 do that, or does procedure say so, or what's the concept  
3 you're making?

4 MR. McCOY: Ken McCoy, Plant Manager. It is  
5 in the procedure to relieve the pressure as it builds up,  
6 your temperature.

7 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: Is there some activity  
8 level in the drywell that could complicate his **life** ?

9 MR. McCOY: Well, that activity would be  
10 vented into the containment, so that would not be a  
11 particular problem in this case.

12 The answer is no, if you had an activity  
13 problem you could still vent the drywell into the  
14 containment.

15 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I guess it's time to  
16 mention something. One of the problems I kind of have  
17 with these BWR's is the fundamental logic here and there;  
18 you know, like dumping into a **closed** volume before you  
19 **seed** the rods, is one.

20 Here's another one. You know, the safest **state**  
21 **for implementation** control to be in is in the  
22 deenergized state, to go to a safe state. You know, the  
23 scram systems work that way, **if you can back it up by a hot**  
24 **state.** . The rationale in the boiler here  
25 is somehow contradictory, and I think I would like to have

1 you and your various committees and people, examine this.

2 The safestage in the boiler, in my view,  
3 during an emergency, is the state that enable you to  
4 maintain an ability to depressurize, so you can take  
5 advantage of all these nice low pressure systems you've  
6 got.

7 **They're not worth a nickel if you can't**  
8 depressurize. The state that you have to be in to  
9 depressurize is to energize some 25 of impulse \_\_\_\_\_  
10 DC solenoids in an extremely hostile environment.

11 In short, you are in the hot energized state  
12 to obtain a safe state in the boiler. These are the  
13 solenoids which introduce air to the piston cylinders.

14 I want you to kind of think about inverting  
15 that logic, and having an alternate which says the safe  
16 state in an emergency is a deenergized state, and I'm  
17 going to get it by additional hydraulic or pneumatic  
18 lines privileged to be activated from outside the  
19 containment.

20 MR. DALE: We'll certainly look at that.

21 MEMBER BENDER: When you go back to look  
22 at the history of the Brown's Ferry fire, it will be a  
23 good example.

24 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Yes.

25 MR. DALE: Thank you, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: The next item, unless the  
2 Staff wants to add anything at this time?

3 (inaudible discussion).

4 CHAIRMAN OKRENT: I've been encouraged to  
5 have a 10 minute break, so before we take the matter f,  
6 let's see, I think it was Flooding next, we'll have a 10  
7 minute break.

8 (There was a short recess).

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: The meeting will  
10 come to order.

11 Just to repeat for the record, Dr. Okrent  
12 will be leaving at this stage of the meeting, and I'll be  
13 taking over the Chairmanship for the period of time I'll  
14 be here. Mr. Ebersole will take over after I leave.

15 In order to cover some matters I would like  
16 to be present at, we are going to change the oorder of  
17 presentation, and we will pick up Emergency Planning next  
18 on the Agenda.

19 Go ahead with Emergency Planning.

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PRESENTATION

BY

DR. LARRY R. McKAY

DR. McKAY: Thank you, sir.

My name is Larry McKay, I'm the Corporate Health Physicist for Mississippi Power and Light Company.

This afternoon I would like to share with you some of the progress we have made in the area of Emergency Planning.

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1                   Specifically, I'll be covering these items  
2 shown on the screen. Emergency Plans and Procedures for  
3 Grand Gulf; I'll talk to you about the organizations that  
4 are primarily involved. We'll discuss our Communications,  
5 our Public Education and Information Program, and our  
6 Emergency News Media Information Program.

7                   And then in the area of Facilities, we'll  
8 discuss the Technical Support Center, Operational Support  
9 Center, Near-site EOF, both our Interim Facility and our  
10 proposed Permanent Facility; Emergency Response Facility  
11 Information, or ERFIS; the Alerting and Notification  
12 System; the Corporate Emergency Center; the Emergency News  
13 Media Center; and finally a Facility Status summary slide  
14 and indication of our drills and exercises.

15                  With regard to our emergency plan itself,  
16 it was submitted on November the 20th, 1980 to the  
17 Commission, and completely rewritten in the Revision 1  
18 form on May the 14th, 1981.

19                  We received some formal questions from the  
20 Commission, and revised the plan accordingly with  
21 Revision 2 on July the 29th of '81.

22                  Our current emergency plan addresses all the  
23 elements contained in NUREG-0654, which of course is the  
24 Regulatory guiding document for Emergency Planning  
25 Preparedness.

1                   Specifically, it considers 10 as well as  
2 50 mile Emergency Planning Zones. It involves contiguous  
3 government jurisdiction. It assigns responsibility for  
4 emergency response to the different individuals and  
5 agencies. It provides for 24 hour notification of the  
6 public.

7                   It specifies people assigned to both an  
8 onsite and offsite emergency response organization. It  
9 requires augmentation of the Plant Staff by the General  
10 Office of personnel for any severe or enduring problem.

11                   It provides for Federal assistance, if  
12 necessary. It utilizes standard emergency classification  
13 and initiating conditions, as specified in NUREG-0610.

14                   It enables positive notification of response  
15 agencies; and it includes both primary and back  
16 communications to local, state and Federal response  
17 agencies.

18                   It supports dissemination of public  
19 information about our facility, and about emergency  
20 planning in general.

21                   It requires Technical Support, Operation  
22 Support Center, and Emergency Operation Facility. It  
23 addresses requirements for emergency assessment  
24 instrumentation, and outlines evacuation routes and  
25 directions.

1. It considers radiation exposure control of  
2 emergency workers. It coordinates medical and public  
3 health support; tests the functionality of the Plan by  
4 drills and exercises, which is a very important element;  
5 details the required training of emergency response  
6 personnel; and assigns the responsibility by title for  
7 upgrading and maintenance of the plan and the procedures.

8 Obviously any plan in these implementing  
9 procedures, we've developed two sets of them. First,  
10 Emergency Plan Procedures for Plant Staff; and then the  
11 Corporate Emergency Plant Procedures for the General  
12 Office personnel who would augment the Plant Staff.

13 The primary Emergency Response Organizations  
14 involved in the case of Grand Gulf, are the Claiborne  
15 County Civil Defense in Mississippi on a local level.  
16 Now, they are not manned 24 hours a day, so to provide  
17 for 24 hour notification, we have the Claiborne County  
18 Sheriff's office.

19 Also the Port Gibson Police Department is  
20 an integral part of our local response.

21 In Louisiana, the Tensas Parish Emergency  
22 Preparedness is the analog for that state. Again,  
23 they're not manned 24 hours a day, so we have the Tensas  
24 Parish Sheriff's Office to back them up.

25 On a state level, the Mississippi Emergency

1 Management Agency, or MEMA, has the lead responsibility  
2 for State Emergency Response, with the support of the  
3 Highway Safety Patrol with 24 hour dispatches; and the  
4 Mississippi State Board of Health, which means some very  
5 logical help.

6 The counterpart in Louisiana is the Louisiana  
7 Nuclear Energy Division, which has 24 hour capability.

8 One of the more important aspects of  
9 Emergency Planning is Communications. This slide depicts  
10 methods by which we communicate with the State, Local,  
11 and Federal authorities.

12 First and foremost, we have an operational  
13 Hot Line, which is a dedicated telephone line that  
14 connects us with the Local and State Agencies. We back  
15 that up with the Locals with a Backup UHF Radio System,  
16 and of course commercial telephone if the other two means  
17 fail.

18 With the States, of course Operational Hot  
19 Line, Commercial Telephone, and by Special Routing of  
20 Radio Traffic we may also pass information to them.

21 For Federal Agency, we have of course the  
22 Emergency Notification System, or the NRC Hot Line, if  
23 you will. The Health Physics Network, again is solved  
24 by the NRC; and the Federal Agency Hot Lines, for  
25 example the Commercial Telephone Hot Line Listings for



1 the NRC and Department of Energy.

2 To get help from Support Groups, we have a  
3 Mutual Assistance Plan which is nearing signature, with  
4 our Sister Utilities, Arkansas Power and Light, and  
5 Louisiana Power and Light. Now, no, we haven't taken  
6 over Gulf State; we consider them almost as a Sister.  
7 They are not taken as a Sister Utility, but they are a  
8 Nuclear Utility in this area.

9 INPO, of course, institute for Nuclear  
10 Power Operations; General Electric; Bechtel, and by  
11 Notepad, which we discussed earlier this morning. We  
12 may request information, help, material, personnel.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Excuse me, what  
14 commitments do those people make when you say they're  
15 Support Groups? How acceptable are they? When would they  
16 be available? How do you deal with them?

17 DR. McKAY: As far as mutual assistance plan,  
18 the plan that is nearing signature, signature stage, has  
19 actual commitments on their part to supply people, as  
20 available.

21 Now, that means, I guess, just what it says;  
22 they'll be provided, as many people as they can spare at  
23 that particular time.

24 In case of INPO, of course we are signatories  
25 to the fixed facility response plan, along with, I believe

1 it's 29 other utilities at this stage. So we are  
2 contractually bound to assist each other in that regard.

3 General Electric and Bechtel, we have  
4 letters of agreement either on file or shortly to be on  
5 file. As a matter of fact we have, I believe, the one  
6 from Bechtel, and we're missing the one from General  
7 Electric.

8 I was checking on that during the noon hour,  
9 and that's forthcoming. Notepad, of course, is just  
10 information exchanged.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: If, well let's take  
12 an example.

13 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: If you had an  
15 accident out here and needed to know something about the  
16 core characteristics, how soon could you get to GE?

17 DR. McKAY: Immediately by telephone.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Are they committed  
19 to have somebody on the other end of the phone?

20 DR. McKAY: Well, sir, most of these agencies  
21 that we deal with like this; for example, NRC recently  
22 provided us with Hot Line numbers to contact people.

23 Part of our planning is to have dedicated  
24 individuals. Bechtel, for example, has given us  
25 dedicated names, titles and telephone numbers on a 24 hour

1 basis to reach the people. We will expect nothing less  
2 from General Electric.

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: You'll have that  
4 list current at all times?

5 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir. Part of the maintenance  
6 of the plan of procedures, which is the last element I  
7 listed up here about our Plant will require that. 654  
8 requires that.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: If I go up the  
10 ladder, Federal, State and Local, do I find a similar  
11 situation in every point? There are Hot Lines contacts  
12 of some sort? Emergency lines, if you can get the  
13 individuals?

14 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir. Now, I can't guarantee  
15 I would get I'd get a specific pre-designated individual,  
16 but I can get a Duty Officer.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Well, I understand  
18 that there are always contingencies when somebody won't  
19 be there.

20 DR. McKAY: I believe, sir, in this case  
21 you will find that we have provided for 24 hour manning  
22 for all of our operational Hot Lines.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Are they mandatory?

24 DR. McCAY: Yes, sir. We have two programs  
25 I would like to discuss with you briefly.

1 Public Education is obviously an important  
2 element of Emergency Planning, in the light of Three  
3 Mile Island. We participate in quite a few public  
4 meetings; I would say on the average of one a month at  
5 least, in either Tensas Parish or Claiborne County, and  
6 in some cases both.

7 I'm a member of the Speakers Bureau, as  
8 are several other professionals on the MP&L Staff. We  
9 go out and make educational presentations to schools;  
10 we tell the Nuclear Story and the MP&L story, the Grand  
11 Gulf Story to Civic Groups.

12 We encourage Plant Tours. I don't know if  
13 you met Trish Rivers or not; she's our Public Relations  
14 Assistant, Grand Gulf. Trish is standing here. She is  
15 very heavily involved in Plant Tours for the public, and  
16 we think this really helps.

17 We are preparing an Emergency Information  
18 Brochure, which will hopefully be given to every resident  
19 in the 10 to 12 mile Emergency Planning Zone by November,  
20 which lists protective actions for the public; gives them  
21 evacuation directions, I mean specific directions, a map,  
22 I believe there's 3 or 4 colors which will indicate where  
23 they live, which route to take; a list of reception  
24 centers so they'll know where to go if they have to be  
25 evacuated.

1                   It described Grand Gulf in specific, and in  
2 general, how a Nuclear Station operates, and includes a  
3 glossary of Nuclear terms.

4                   Our intent is to try to educate the public  
5 so that they understand what the buzz words we use every  
6 day actually mean.

7                   Then of course we list a point of contact,  
8 with telephone numbers for further information, so they  
9 may call us up and ask us for information.

10                  Using the brochure and material, we will  
11 prepare posters, mailouts, and yellow pages inserts to  
12 reach the segment of the population that may not be  
13 permanent in nature, such as guests in hotels and motels.

14                  Obviously, relationships with the media are  
15 important, so we've developed our Emergency News Media  
16 Information Plan. This company has embraced the philosophy  
17 of openness with the media. I believe Mr. Lutken  
18 mentioned that this morning.

19                  We have designated points of contact within  
20 MP&L, so that the media know who to call to get  
21 information. We have mailing lists of media representatives  
22 with their telephone numbers, and of course included both  
23 print media and electronic media.

24                  We have periodic meetings with the media.  
25 Earlier this morning we mentioned a media day which was

1 in June of this year, at which time we had 50 odd media  
2 representatives. We provide logistical support of the  
3 media representatives. Obviously when you bring the  
4 people in you have to provide copy facilities and other  
5 types of support for them. And the plan itself includes  
6 some sample press releases to facilitate prompt  
7 information flow. There are several press releases which  
8 can be tailor made to the specific situation, getting a  
9 report out in a hurry.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Who is the MP&L  
11 Spokesman?

12 DR. McKAY: Mr. Allison McCain, our  
13 vice-president for informational services.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: What has been his  
15 indoctrination into the Nuclear Emergency?

16 DR. McKAY: You mean as to his involvement  
17 with our plan here?

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: How much does he  
19 know about emergency procedures?

20 DR. McKAY: I think he knows quite a bit,  
21 sir, for a person of his diverse responsibilities. He  
22 has personally accompanied me to several of these  
23 meetings; he's got involved eminently with the preparation  
24 of this plan and with the brochures --

25 MR. McGAUGHY: Excuse me, Larry, why don't

1 you let Allison?

2 DR. MCKAY: All right, I'm sorry. Mr. McCain?

3 MR. McCAIN: : Exactly what was your  
4 question, sir?

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: How well acquainted  
6 are you with the kinds of emergencies that a nuclear  
7 plant might be faced by, and how able are you to tell the  
8 media, since that's the term that's being used for that,  
9 what the circumstances are and what information needs to  
10 be presented to the public?

11 They're going to interpret it for themselves,  
12 so I know you are not going to tell them what to say, but  
13 you can talk, educate them as to how to express the  
14 problems.

15 MR. McCAIN: : We've been very intimately  
16 connected with Grand Gulf Project from its inception, and  
17 in working with the Plant Staff, in various, in the  
18 production of various types of materials for use in  
19 educating the public, including slide presentations on  
20 nuclear power in general, and Grand Gulf Nuclear Station  
21 in particular.

22 We've produced radio, television and motion  
23 picture materials; various types of printed materials.  
24 We've been intimately involved in the production of the  
25 news media information program.

1           Also, a very important part of our programing  
2 and staffing for emergency situations is to have a  
3 technical representative from the Staff always present  
4 in the emergency news media summit for working with the  
5 press and news media briefings, and also in the initial  
6 stages of an emergency situation, in the corporate  
7 emergency center in Jackson there would be the technical  
8 representative present.

9           So, in addition to the materials which we  
10 will have on hand, perhaps maps, diagrams, layouts, and  
11 so forth, concerning the plans, which we will have at both  
12 the corporate emergency center, the news briefings, and  
13 the initial stages of an alert, an unusual alert situation  
14 plan; and also, if we go to sight emergency, and general  
15 emergency conditions where we would open the emergency  
16 news media center.

17           And so in addition to these materials which  
18 we would have available for use in briefing the media, in  
19 addition to printed materials, we would also have trained,  
20 technical, nuclear people here from the General Office  
21 Staff or from the Plant Staff, who would be thoroughly  
22 qualified, who would be in complete touch with the  
23 situation, in order to technically brief people.

24           And we also have plans, if necessary, as  
25 they might be available, to bring people from the



1 emergency operation facility if their services were not  
2 required for an hour or so, to come to the emergency news  
3 media center to supplement direct briefing along this  
4 line.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Aside from the  
6 contact which you have with the public in the way it  
7 is described up there, do you have some selective list  
8 of people that are being -- on the technical staff, that  
9 are being educated in how to much such information --

10 MR. McCAIN: Yes, sir. That is part of  
11 our plan.

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: How are they  
13 trained?

14 MR. McCAIN: Well, we are just really  
15 getting into that right now. We are bringing, developed  
16 two other men to our last emergency drill in order to  
17 participate specifically in this type of activity.

18 We plan to have at least two more special  
19 communications exercises between now and early November,  
20 in order to give these people additional training,  
21 specifically in the news media briefing.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Have you read the  
23 Kimberly (ph) report on Three Mile Island?

24 MR. McCAIN: I have not read all of it yet.  
25 I am familiar, though, with the fact that the news media

1 and the communication problems were very severe, and that  
2 this is one of the very important aspects of any event  
3 at a nuclear facility, and I will have read it by  
4 November.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: How many people on  
6 the MP&L Staff have read the Kimberly Report?

7 MR. McCAIN: I could not tell you that,  
8 sir. I am sure that many of our people have.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Why don't you  
10 survey , because one of the points that has  
11 been made is that in many cases the organization  
12 responsible don't understand the issues well enough, and  
13 while that report has a lot of criticism, it's about as  
14 representative as you're likely to get --

15 MR. McCAIN: I know that.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: -- of view points  
17 of what a utility ought to do in an emergency, and it's  
18 a little troubling to me that not as many people are  
19 familiar with what's in it as ought to be the case.

20 I would think that every utility executive  
21 that has a nuclear power plant ought to find that amongst  
22 the must-reading list.

23 MR. McCAIN: We will see that that is done  
24 among a broad number of our people, sir.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: The questions having

1 to do with dealing with media might be broken into two  
2 kinds. Every day I think you could get to the local  
3 press, and probably the local TV audience or local TV  
4 operators, and develop a communications chain.

5 If you have a really serious event, it's  
6 not unlikely that a delegation shows up, reporters come  
7 from some other parts of the country.

8 Is there a plan to deal with those people?

9 MR. McCAIN: : Yes, sir. Absolutely.

10 DR. McKAY: I'll describe that in considerable  
11 detail in a few minutes.

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: That's enough for  
13 right now.

14 MR. McCAIN: : Thank you.

15 DR. McKAY: Any more questions on this slide,  
16 sir?

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: No.

18 DR. McKAY: I would like to now discuss the  
19 Emergency Support Facilities. I hope you are able to  
20 read this slide, because of the smaller type.

21 I want to point out the major locations here  
22 for our primary facilities. First of all, here's the  
23 Control Building. The Operation Support Center is  
24 located, as I'll describe more fully in a moment, adjacent  
25 to the Administration Building in the Maintenance Shop

1 Area.

2 The Technical Support Center is in a  
3 Mezzanine Viewing Gallery in intimate contact with the  
4 Control Room; and the Emergency Operation Facility on  
5 an interim basis, is located in the Training Building.

6 As I indicated earlier, we have plans for a  
7 permanent facility, and I'll show you more about it  
8 shortly.

9 The Technical Support Center, located in  
10 the Viewing Gallery above the Control Room is habitable  
11 to the same degree as the Control Room. It's shielded  
12 against radiation; it has an isolatable ventilation, and  
13 it is built to General Design Criteria 19 Specifications.

14 Specifically, a person assigned to work  
15 there for 30 days continuously, would receive less than  
16 5 REM to the whole body, and less than 30 REM to the  
17 Thyroid.

18 The TSC has dedicated communications with  
19 the Control Room, the EOF, and offsite Agencies. It  
20 provides for direct display of plant safety systems  
21 information, and callup display of radiological  
22 information.

23 It of course is manned by the Plant Staff  
24 Management. Mr. McCoy is our Emergency Director, or  
25 his designee, and their Onsite Emergency Organization.

1 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Pardon me, you're quoting  
2 dose levels. I presume that's for the case of the Design  
3 Basis Accident?

4 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir; that's correct.

5 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Do you have any information  
6 of what you would have in lieu of that, if you have  
7 degraded core?

8 DR. McKAY: Well, sir, I had asked Bechtel,  
9 our Architect Engineer, to calculate a worst case  
10 accident, using the Chapter 15 type scenarios, and beyond  
11 that, sir, I couldn't care to speculate. I could guess,  
12 but it would not be accurate.

13 The Operational Support Center is located  
14 in the Maintenance Shop, adjacent to the Administration  
15 Building. It serves as a staging area for additional  
16 onsite emergency personnel.

17 And in addition we have a second staging  
18 area at the Health Physics Station, 93 elevation in the  
19 Control Building. We have dedicated communications  
20 between the Operations Support Center and the Control  
21 Room, and Technical Support Center.

22 Now, this is a Center that's not required  
23 by 654, but it's something that we've added. I think  
24 we need it in this case. We have a Site Access Point.  
25 This is located adjacent to the interim EOF, which is

1 the Training Building Location. It serves as a staging  
2 area for one specific group of individuals, and that's  
3 the Offsite Dose Assessment Field Teams. We find that  
4 by putting them in one area at the perimeter of the  
5 Security Plant -- this is actually outside the fence --  
6 they can be deployed much more rapidly.

7 It provides for an orderly turnover to  
8 the General Office Radiological Assessment Personnel,  
9 when the EOF is activated. It provides Dosimetry to  
10 EOF personnel, and enables the site access, therefore  
11 titled Site Access Point.

12 The Emergency Operations Facility in the  
13 Training Building, our Interim facility, has the  
14 following functions. It provides Operational  
15 Communications with the Offsite Agencies; of course, the  
16 initial notifications are usually made through the  
17 Technical Support Center.

18 It provides for Offsite Radiation Dose  
19 Projections. We prepare and transmit news releases  
20 through the Emergency News Media Center, where Mr.  
21 McKAY is located, for release. We coordinate Technical  
22 and Administrative Support for EOF; and we maintain EOF  
23 security.

24 Our communications are provided as follows:  
25 With the Technical Support Center we communicate via

1 the Operational Hot Line; Plant Telephone; Plant UHF  
2 Radio, and Hard copy or Telecopy. Now this, we're in the  
3 process of doing right now. It will be installed.

4 We communicate with the Operational Support  
5 Center via Plant Telephone; Plant UHF Radio. We  
6 communicate with the Offsite Agencies by several different  
7 means. Operational Hot Line, our primary notification  
8 and communication means; UHF Radios to the Locals, both  
9 Tensas Parish and Claiborne Counties; Commercial Telephone;  
10 Microwave Telephone System through the General Office,  
11 and the UHF Radio to the General Office by some special  
12 routing.

13 I would like to point out that during the  
14 last exercise, our telephone system was out. This was  
15 not operable. It gave us an excellent opportunity to try  
16 out the UHF Radio to the Locals, and that's in fact what  
17 we used for initial notification.

18 So this was not planned; it was just an  
19 improbable event which occurred. I thought that was a  
20 good opportunity.

21 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I want to make a little  
22 correction. There's one thing; John just pointed out to  
23 me that you -- I presume the old practice was followed  
24 here, that your containment activity level is specified  
25 on a very badly situated core in the first place.

1 DR. McCAY: Yes, (inaudible) 44.

2 A VOICE: Right. Yes.

3 (Several people talking at once)

4 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You already have looked  
5 at that really critical thing, used to suppress that  
6 effect.

7 DR. McCAY: Right, Thank you. Okay, to  
8 continue with our communications, the EOF communicate  
9 with our Corporate Emergency Center, which I am not here  
10 to describe, but which I will shortly, via UHF Radio,  
11 the Operational Hot Line which we are in the process of  
12 installing to the CEC's and extension; Commercial  
13 Telephone and Microwave Telephone System.

14 The Corporate Emergency Center is located in  
15 the basement of the Electric Building, about two blocks  
16 from here. This is the point where people initially  
17 arrive, usually at the alert stage, to begin emergency  
18 response.

19 The Emergency News Media Center is where  
20 our Mr. McCain is staged and have the media to arrive.  
21 We have Commercial Telephone Cables there, 40 lines, 40  
22 incoming pairs, to accommodate large numbers of media.  
23 We have a microwave telephone system to which we have  
24 access at that point, and again we're installing  
25 teleprinters and telecopiers to allow for copy



1 transmission between the TSC and EOF Corporate Emergency  
2 Center and the Media Center.

3 A few words should be said about our permanent  
4 EOF. We're very proud of our Energy Services Centers,  
5 described briefly earlier. It has a simulator, a  
6 permanent EOF hardened to a protective factor of 50;  
7 offices for training and engineering staff; and we are  
8 considering seriously a visitor's center.

9 It is located in the upper laydown area,  
10 about 0.6 of a mile northwest of the Unit 1 reactor,  
11 outside the security fence. It provides for approximately  
12 12,000 square feet of space for emergency response  
13 personnel. Now this is adequate space for over 100  
14 workers, and I would have to say that having visited  
15 other EOF's, it's large. We have more than adequate  
16 space.

17 It's designed to allow protracting manning  
18 during the worst case accident. It is to be completed  
19 prior to October 1982. We have already poured the footage  
20 for some of the concrete walls, and done some preliminary  
21 excavation.

22 It has the same functions, obviously, as the  
23 interim EOF, except we're better prepared to accommodate  
24 those actions in the permanent EOF.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: I think we can skip

1 the layouts, unless you have some specific point .

2 DR. McCAY: Yes, sir. The next facility  
3 we'll take up briefly is the Emergency Response Facility  
4 Information System, or ERFIS.

5 This provides display of significant plant  
6 parameters to the OEF, to the Control Room, and to the  
7 Technical Support Center. The parameters of the system  
8 are based on Regulatory Guide 1.97. It utilizes color  
9 graphics, and state-of-the-art technology. It has reliable  
10 power supply, and is connected with our Class A  
11 meteorological model to enable offsite dose projection  
12 in one of two modes.

13 Either you can estimate the dose at a  
14 particular time, or you can make predictions about what  
15 the dose will be and track the plume travel.

16 Our Alerting and Notification System is what  
17 we use to provide timely notification and warning of the  
18 resident and transient population of a radiological  
19 emergency at Grand Gulf. It meets the requirements of  
20 NUREG-654, Appendix 3.

21 Basically, the system is comprised of 33  
22 electromechanical units; these are the large rotating  
23 sirens, that provide 100% coverage, siren coverage to  
24 the resident population out to 10 miles.

25 We have tone-activated receivers, approximately

1 50, which are used to enhance the system, augment it, and  
2 not as a replacement for it. In other words, we have  
3 100% coverage by sirens. The tone-activated receivers  
4 are a plus to help out. They are provided to each school,  
5 hospital, nursing home, any place where people congregate,  
6 and we go out to a 12 mile radius with these.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: One of the  
8 advantages of being a low population area is that you can  
9 afford to do that.

10 DR. McCAY: Yes, sir; that's correct.

11 In general, the system is used to notify the  
12 populace to take one action, and that's to listen to the  
13 radio station.

14 Many times I've been to public meetings  
15 early on, and I think the word's about to be delivered  
16 to the people. They say, when the siren goes off I must  
17 evacuate. I'm trying to tell them that's not what you  
18 do; what you do is listen to the radio.

19 Now specifically we have arrangements with  
20 two different stations; WKYV-FM in Vicksburg and KNOE-AM  
21 in Monroe, to broadcast information. They have a  
22 telephone link from the local Civil Defense Office, and  
23 they put out information to the public, based on those  
24 recommendations.

25 The system is activated by tone encoders that

1 are parked at the police department's offices, and the  
2 decoders can set off the tone-activated receivers or the  
3 sirens. The decision to activate rests with the local  
4 chief officials, such as the President of the Police Jury  
5 in Louisiana, or President of the Board of Supervisors in  
6 Mississippi.

7 We have a partial Emergency Planning Zone  
8 notification feature, where certain segments may be  
9 alerted, but not the whole 10 mile EPZ. It's being  
10 resolved right now; it should be completed in October,  
11 and we hope to have it tested and complete prior to fuel  
12 load. In fact, we will have that done.

13 FEMA, under contract to the Commission,  
14 evaluates this system.

15 The Corporate Emergency Center that I touched  
16 on earlier, located in the basement of the Electric  
17 Building, is the assembly point for augmentation staff  
18 at an alert emergency classification.

19 The CEC is directed by the Assistant Vice-  
20 President of Nuclear Production as the Offsite Emergency  
21 Coordinator. Mr. Stampley, whom you met earlier, is also  
22 in attendance. He is our other management representative.

23 It has the following functional elements:  
24 it provides communication with Grand Gulf and Offsite  
25 Agencies; we can perform radiological assessment in that

1 facility; we have technical administrative support; and we  
2 do have informational services representatives for public  
3 relations purposes.

4 The CEC remains operational even after EOF  
5 is activated. We still provide for upper management  
6 representation, press releases, and communications.

7 The Emergency News Media Center is located  
8 in Chamberlain-Hunt Academany, which is in Port Gibson,  
9 a private school, and has ample space for 200 news media  
10 representatives; 40 telephone lines for visiting media;  
11 located about 6 miles upwind of Grand Gulf, away from the  
12 predominant direction.

13 It is a point of coordinated press releases.  
14 We feel this is most important, in view of the environment  
15 after Three Mile Island.

16 The vice-president of informational services,  
17 along with the Press Secretary from Louisiana and the  
18 Press Secretary, or their representatives, are to prepare  
19 unified coordinated releases, and speak with one voice.

20 I feel very strongly about this, and think  
21 this is very necessary.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Has this been talked  
23 over with the people you've got listed up there?

24 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir, it has. We -- in all  
25 candor I have to tell you that some of the states are

1 are resisting this slightly, because they are more used  
2 to staying in their capitol to release news. But we are  
3 working on the people, and I think that we are making  
4 some progress.

5 But the situation today contends that the  
6 Press Secretary himself or herself, needs to be by the  
7 Governor's side. However, we have got some encouraging  
8 words about their representatives being sent, and talking  
9 by telephone to the Press Secretary.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: This is a good  
11 scheme, but realistically, you have an event like this,  
12 and you have an avalanche of reporters and what-not  
13 coming in who are not going to hang around that news  
14 center waiting for you to tell them something, and they  
15 would come in if you have a scheduled time, but they are  
16 going to be all over the place.

17 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir one --

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: They are going to  
19 be out interviewing people out on the site and that sort  
20 of thing. What thought have you given to this?

21 DR. McKAY: Yes. We've given -- of course  
22 Mr. McCain can address the press better than I, but two  
23 things that I know of that we do have, provision for  
24 periodic press releases; we already have the big clock  
25 you know the hands point to the next press release. Also

1 we have provisions for actually transporting some of these  
2 media to the site, if they ask for it. We have a bus  
3 type arrangement for that.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: All right.

5 DR. McKAY: And then it provides, of course,  
6 administrative support for visiting media, copy facilities  
7 and the like.

8 This summary slide shows you our Facility  
9 Status. You see the Facility on the left hand side here.  
10 Our Current Status, you will notice that they are for the  
11 most part operational. The only exceptions are the  
12 Alerting Notification System, which will be operational  
13 by fuel load; as I say, we should be finished installing  
14 that in the next few weeks. The EOF, the permanent EOF  
15 is being constructed; it's due to be finished by October  
16 of '82 in accordance with the NUREG-696 requirements.

17 ERFIS, the hardware installation, software  
18 development is in progress; it too will be due in  
19 October of '82.

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: We needn't cover  
21 that part of it.

22 DR. McKAY: Sir?

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: We needn't cover  
24 the scheduled part of it. We'll know about that from  
25 the Staff Report.

1 DR. McKAY: Okay, sir. Thank you.

2 Finally, I would like to cover the Emergency  
3 Plan Exercises, both historically and the future ones that  
4 are scheduled. I think you can tell at a glance that  
5 we've been involved in exercises.

6 And I have to tell you that it's been very  
7 gratifying to me personally, to see the amount of support  
8 that I've received from my upper management. They've  
9 been behind Emergency Planning from the day I hired on,  
10 and they have been fully involved in supporting an  
11 aggressive exercise, both the Plant Staff and the Project  
12 Management.

13 We started out with Tabletop Exercises in  
14 Mississippi and Louisiana Tensas Parish; we did some  
15 communications drills; we did some walk-through exercises  
16 where we correct deficiencies right on the spot, somewhat  
17 the way we do in the military; and then we went into our  
18 All-Agency Exercises.

19 You will note that we only recently completed  
20 our second All-Agency Exercise. By this we mean all the  
21 States and Locals, as well as the Utility participators.

22 We have another exercise scheduled on the  
23 6th of October, in which we may have limited participation  
24 on the part of the State and Locals. The reason for this,  
25 of course, is we spend quite a bit of State money every



1 time we hold an exercise, and I was encouraged to hear one  
2 State indicate to me they thought they had most of their  
3 deficiencies ironed out. They didn't need full  
4 participation. I view that as an encouraging sign.

5 We have various specialized drills scheduled  
6 for October, and then of course our Federally-observed  
7 FEMA NRC All-Agency Exercise to be held on the 4th and  
8 5th of November, with a public meeting being held  
9 shortly thereafter.

10 That concludes my remarks, unless you have  
11 some questions, sir.

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: One or two points.  
13 This is a sparsely populated area, and also has a not  
14 very large law enforcement organization. Am I correct?

15 DR. McKAY: Yes, sir.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Where does the  
17 supplemental help come from if you needed it?

18 DR. McKAY: Okay, the supplemental law  
19 enforcement is specific.

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Yes.

21 DR. McKAY: The law enforcement is used by  
22 merit of traffic control. We have arrangements with  
23 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. We don't have a  
24 State Police in Mississippi, but they would be the  
25 closest thing we have to that.

1 Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, through  
2 contractual agreement with MP&L, dispatches people to  
3 help man the traffic control points.

4 In addition, we have the Port Gibson City  
5 Police and Auxiliary; they have a staff of about 20  
6 volunteers that help out, and the Claiborne County  
7 Sheriff's Department has also an auxiliary force of  
8 Deputies to come out and help control traffic.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Thank you, that will  
10 be enough for right now.

11 I would like, if possible, to try to get  
12 the discussion AC Power done by 4:00. Do you think you  
13 can try it?

14 MR. McGAUGHY: We can try it.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: We don't want a  
16 highly detailed discussion. We're interested in just a  
17 few things; generally, what you think the reliability of  
18 the system is, and secondly, what kind of contingency  
19 plans you have to deal with certain events of Power and  
20 Light when tornadoes came through.

21 Any time you go through in detail all the  
22 semantics, it won't mean very much. Mr. Ebersole would  
23 probably eat it up, but I would just like to hear it.  
24 He can get more of it after I leave.

25 MEMBER EBERSOLE: I give you a comment.

1                   Going back to WASH-1400, although the AC  
2 power outage was not declared it was on a basis axis,  
3 these are the numbers they used there. There was a 100  
4 chance that a two unit plant would experience a prolonged  
5 power outage,

6                   sometime, during its 30 to 40 year life,  
7 That's the kind of odds that you don't like to see.  
8 The significance of a prolonged outage beyond an hour  
9 is severe.

10                   So it leads to the question of how long,  
11 really, can you survive with a total AC power outage;  
12 what do you have to do; what's the critical parts of the  
13 Plant that needs attention if that occurs?

14                   ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: I think Mr.  
15 Ebersole has pretty much expressed my interest. I want  
16 some points in how it works.

17                   MR. McGAUGHY: Okay.

18                   R. A. AMBROSINO

19                   MR. AMBROSINO: Gentlemen, my name is Dick  
20 Ambrosino. I'm the Nuclear Support Manager at the Grand  
21 Gulf Nuclear Station.

22                   I will be presenting Loss of AC Power and  
23 a Total Station Blackout. Per your request, I have set  
24 out a number of Sections, and this procedure will go over  
25 just some of the basic highlights of our equipment, with

1 your permission.

2                   During this presentation, we will be and  
3 we were to be talking about **On**site Transmission  
4 Facilities;**Off**site AC Power Operation and Design;  
5 Operational and Reliability of DC Systems; Loss of all  
6 AC Power Transient. And in talking with that we are  
7 going to discuss the RCIC, Reactor Core **Insulation Cooling System**  
8 briefly, how that plays a part in this loss of Offsite  
9 Power; The ADS System in conjunction with its DC Systems;  
10 and then Station Blackout Effects on the Plant, and per  
11 request, a very brief statement on the Recirculation  
12 Pump Seals and the effect on Station Blackout, where loss  
13 of AC Power to support Cooling Water from CRV going to  
14 that.

15                   This, again very quickly, is our present  
16 Transmission System: We come from a very gradual  
17 substation to the 500 KV Line; two \_\_\_\_\_ away  
18 from the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station. We take  
19 another 500 KV feeder from Franklin Sub, again to  
20 the Grand Gulf Station.

21                   This crossed out line here is the section of  
22 the present 500 KV's high lines that will be taken out  
23 of service; and here is our third 500 KV line prior to  
24 Unit 2 operation.

25                   We will have one from Baxter Wilson, one

1 from Franklin, and one from Ray Braswell.

2 The dotted line you see here is 115 KV  
3 System, which also used to supply our VSF Switch Gear.  
4 You will note there that this is the only point between  
5 the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station and Port Gibsor sub-  
6 station, where the 115 and 500 KV lines cross between  
7 those two points, and this point that is buried under  
8 ground.

9 The reason I'm going through some of this  
10 is it does commit to the reliability aspects of the  
11 System.

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Well, my time is  
13 expired and you just go ahead and use it.

14 MR. AMBROSINO: With the 500 KV Transmission  
15 System, each of the 500 KV lines are on its own right  
16 of way; they diverge as rapidly as possible out of the  
17 switchyard. That is part of what we talked about before  
18 to eliminate the effect a tornado would have on it, with  
19 its quick divergence.

20 The 500 KV System is part of the Middle  
21 South Grid System, which was enacted in 1969 -- in 1965,  
22 excuse me. At no time since that period have we been  
23 unable to serve loads. The Grid System serves about  
24 10,000 megawatts at peak. The six year outage average  
25 is .73 per 100 miles of line; and the Middle South

1 Utilities Grid connects with Gulf States Utilities, TVA,  
2 Oklahoma Gas and Electric at 5 separate points, adding to  
3 the reliability.

4 The Transmission Design is for the National  
5 Safety Codes; the environment design of the 500 KV lines  
6 is, for example they are capable of supporting one-half  
7 inch of ice, 105 mile per hour winds, and the normal  
8 rating is 2,000 megawatts per line, and the short-time  
9 emergency rating is 2500 megawatts, and that is the  
10 outage governing the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: As I understood it,  
12 when you had this last weather disturbance around here,  
13 the switchyard saw pretty severe wind damage.

14 MR. AMBROSINO: Yes, it did, sir.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: What were the wind  
16 velocities in that?

17 MR. AMBROSINO: I do not know that.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Can you find out?

19 MR. McGAUGHY: The wind velocities were  
20 about 120 miles an hour.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Thank you. Go  
22 ahead.

23 MR. AMBROSINO: This slide here denotes the  
24 load flow studies, which are conducted annually. We have  
25 the University Computer Corporation Facilities making an

1 evaluation as to flow studies. We have taken integration  
2 of the results of this test computed to Middle South  
3 Utilities, and they determine and they determine the  
4 adequacy of VAP and actual loads, and they initiate  
5 whatever systems are needed to handle the changes of load  
6 flow and the capabilities of the system.

7           Some contingency listings that we have made,  
8 and I'll go over this very, very briefly, were for the  
9 1982 period, which would be the commercial operation of  
10 Grand Gulf Unit 1. And then initially was the 1986  
11 period, which was the contingencies for Unit 2, or the  
12 Unit 2 Unit Station at that time.

13           For all these various contingencies, such  
14 as the Baxter Wilson to Ray Braswell 500 KV line emergency  
15 outage, as postulated, no problems will deter them.

16           Only one area where we saw some diversion  
17 from that was the Baxter Wilson to Ray Braswell and  
18 Franklin to Ray Braswell 500 KV line emergency outage.  
19 At that point the results were no overloads; the Jackson  
20 area would have approximately 5% drop in voltage, but that  
21 presented no large problem.

22           The next area is in regard to our ability  
23 with a number of stability studies, which were completed.  
24 In the Stability Studies -- they were conducted by the  
25 General Electric Company in 1974, with regard to the

1 results of the safety of our equipment. The results  
2 show that no equipment would be subject to transient  
3 overvoltage; no operating restrictions of over-voltage  
4 were denoted.

5 Some of those Stability Studies were as  
6 follows: In all conditions the results were stable.  
7 This last line right here would be a fault which would  
8 be the effect of a 500 KV line falling on top of a 115  
9 KV line. In that case, again the results are stable.

10 You will notice that all the clearance data  
11 that was used was based on 6 cycles. In reality that  
12 would be 2 to 3 cycles; however, we took the worst case.  
13 That is at a minimum of 10 to 1 conservatism or better  
14 for those results.

15 The next item we'll talk about the GENS  
16 Switchyard itself.

17 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Pardon me just a minute.  
18 You took those lines on an individual basis. Are any of  
19 them can configureate and would be subject to say, a  
20 common violent storm, and you would get 2 of them?

21 I mean, that looks like a single phase  
22 criteria right there. Are they physically disposed so  
23 that maybe one tornado would tear down a couple of lines?

24 MR. AMBROSINO: The way they are disposed  
25 is on the description here. We had 4. The distances,



1 for example, between these lines at the Natchez  
2 Electric Station; that is about 23 miles south of Grand  
3 Gulf; the Baxter Wilson Station is about 6 miles south of  
4 Vicksburg. So you have about a 60 mile distance between  
5 here. Because of that distance of probabilities, we do  
6 not see that complication.

7 MEMBER EBERSOLE: You will cover that in  
8 your probability estimate anyway, won't you? About 20  
9 traversions or common point. Like that 500 KV switchyard.

10 MR. AMBROSINO: Okay. The switchyard  
11 incorporates a breaker and a half design. This allows  
12 for a clearance of normal faults under a system that  
13 allows for a maintenance of one section of the grid to  
14 be taken out of work while maintaining reliable power to  
15 the station; allowing a bus short circuits to be  
16 isolated easily with interruption of service.

17 The supply of these 500 KV breakers and  
18 34.5 KV breakers, gets a supply to the batteries, which  
19 is the full power, from ESF lines, which we will be  
20 discussing later. And if you have two independent  
21 battery systems there to supply all control power to the  
22 breakers and other equipment.

23 This schematic diagram, that's where you are  
24 denoting that configuration. As we said before, we had  
25 people from Baxter Wilson, Franklin, Future from Ray

1 Braswell; the breaker and a half design which incorporates  
2 two breakers; there's a combination of sealing valves from  
3 ITE:

4 The peak for the station comes down from  
5 this bus, again we're coming down to reliability, a  
6 breakdown of 500 KV to 34.5 KV; load transference to ESF  
7 Transformer No. 11, which go to our ESF buses, down to  
8 Plant bus, a common bus - - -  
9 which is 13 hour bus and supply to our

10 This one was to balance the Plant loads. We  
11 won't talk about that at this time. Basically, though, you  
12 come up this bus to 7940 horse power, and this where  
13 you also come up this bus \_\_\_\_\_ KV to 9,000 horse power.

14 Low frequency on condensate pumps,  
15 condensate boosters, and so forth, and we come down to  
16 14 AD and 13 AD bus.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: I have a question.  
18 Is this distribution peculiar to this Plant, or is it  
19 generally what's being done?

20 MR. AMBROSINO: I believe this is somewhat  
21 unique to this Plant, from my experience with other ones.  
22 However, looking at it, it does have many advantages as  
23 to cross-ventage that 13 R bus that we showed before  
24 the one that would cross and go this way toward it here.  
25 That one would supply alternate 6.9 KV or 4160 voltage

1 and supply these valves and \_\_\_\_\_ buses also.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Does Mississippi  
3 Power and Light prefer -- I believe it was my recollection  
4 they preferred --

5 MR. AMBROSINO: I believe it was Mississippi  
6 Power and Light prefers steam . It was discussed.  
7 Jim, is that correct?

8 MR. McGAUGHY: We'll let Mr. Stampley  
9 discuss that. He was acting as Design Manager.

10 MR. STAMPLEY: About the earlier design,  
11 as you stated, it is a composite effort. We had definite  
12 input into it. They had some of the basic items; we  
13 agreed with it.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Thank you.

15 MR. AMBROSINO: This is a schematic diagram  
16 of the ESF Distribution System. The criticality of  
17 ECCS loads and safeguard system loads .

18 You will note the 11R bus again, and 34.5  
19 KV comes through a dual secondary transformer, and will  
20 feed these 3 emergency buses; 15AA, 16 AB and 17 AC.

21 We are also getting supplied from the  
22 115 KV line from Port Gibson that we discussed, also  
23 from Unit 2 bus through ESF transformer No. 21.

24 Each of these buses does have its diesel  
25 generator system associated with it; 11, 12 and 13,  
permits this.

1 Basic loads are, as we've been talking about  
2 most of the day, a RCIC RHR CRD system; that is a little  
3 unique for this plant versus others. To see about  
4 service water; the CRD systems will not automatically commit  
5 load change sequence, and will take care of the RCIC  
6 RHR and standby service water systems. You see in here,  
7 CRD is manual. HPCS is unique to its own bus.

8 ESF divisions are electrically separated;  
9 they provide power to mitigate the effects of an accident,  
10 or eliminate, or limit the release of radiation

11 These emergency buses also provide water to  
12 the ESF ECCS room coolers and standby use of generators,  
13 which receive jacket? cooling from ESF?

14 Division I, as you walked through our Plant  
15 yesterday you probably see many blue, yellow, and green  
16 lighters. Division I is yellow; Division II is blue;  
17 and Division III is green, denoting them for separation.

18 During a LOCA condition under this, under  
19 this **divisional** concept, to satisfy the major break,  
20 **resurge suction pumps shear**, what  
21 you need is Division I, which is LPCS and LPCA, and  
22 HPCS and APS.

23 Division II is both RHR's B's and C's,  
24 and HPCS and ABS?; and Division III, or the third method  
25 for going in would be Division I, Division II.

1                   ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER:    I hope the Reporter  
2 knows all these terms.

3                   (Laughter, with several people talking at  
4 once).

5                   REPORTER:    I'm totally ignorant.

6                   MR. AMBROSINO:    You know, I apologize for  
7 the speed, but I'm trying to get through with this.

8                   REPORTER:    As long as you've got it written  
9 down somewhere.

10                   (Laughter)

11                   MR. AMBROSINO:    The next item to discuss,  
12 as we saw in the ESF buses, would be Diesel Generators.

13                   Diesel Generators, as we discussed, are  
14 **divisional**; their rating is 7700 KW for the Division I;  
15 and the Division II Generators are 3300 with Division  
16 III's.

17                   They're connected with with Load Checking  
18 Sequences System, only on Division I and II only. This  
19 system is set for Load checking on various events, and  
20 sequencing on equipment. **Basically**, what you have  
21 3 methodologies of doing it.

22                   You have a 70% plus 100 voltage condition,  
23 plus 5 seconds will cause a block of all testing; will  
24 keep you from closing any **other** breakers; will start  
25 the diesel; load check the ESF loads; load check the

1 other breakers; and will search for power at 90%. If it's  
2 available, that power will close the diesel generator.

3 The other two are 80% plus undervoltage?  
4 plus 5 seconds plus the current LOCA. We will go through  
5 a similar sequence **except for** -- they will check valve  
6 **loads also,** and tie into the diesel generators if  
7 we do not find a 90% power source.

8 And the last case is 90% plus undervoltage plus  
9 9 seconds; at a **that** point it will just shed ESF loads,  
10 and we will again put the diesel generators on.

11 MEMBER EBERSOLE: Where it says Highly  
12 Reliable up there - Solid State System; I can't help  
13 but mention that you've bought an environmental problem  
14 if you run into solid state, it did on two programs. It was  
15 was a shutdown **due to engineering.** . It's true  
16 they're reliable, but they require new and very much  
17 improved environmental control, once you go solid state.  
18 I presume you **noticed that** in your design --

19 MR. AMBROSINO: We have looked at that, and  
20 these low shedding sequence systems are in our Control  
21 Building. **on a one on one** elevation; a couple of  
22 elevations below the Control Room, and it is environmentally  
23 controlled, although your point is very well taken.

24 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Excuse me. As long  
25 as we're on the point of reliability, have you tried to

1 do any reliability assessment of such low shedding  
2 How many times out of how many times will it work?

3 MR. AMBROSINO: We have not, in fact -- let  
4 me correct that. We have not at this time  
5 done any reliability, actual testing reliability system,  
6 because for our pre-op startup phase at the Plant we  
7 are getting to the point now where we've gotten our  
8 diesel generators operative, and we're going through many  
9 tests throughout the pre-op program.

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Well, you'll get  
11 it operational; I'm not concerned about that.

12 My question is, having gotten it operational,  
13 how many times per demand will it malfunction?

14 MR. AMBROSINO: From actual -- actual data?

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: From any kind of  
16 data. I don't know that you've got any actual data.

17 MR. AMBROSINO: We haven't done any actual  
18 data to date, and I don't, I do not know --

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: well, you might  
20 want to think about that question, because I think  
21 historically that's been one of the vulnerabilities in  
22 the system. We've talked about loss of AC power; that's  
23 part of the reason why we've talked about it.

24 MR. AMBROSINO: Yes, sir.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Go ahead, sir.

1 MR. AMBROSINO: Again, your point's well  
2 taken and we will look into it.

3 One comment I do have to make, at the present  
4 time we are looking to design of this low checking  
5 sequence equipment point, 90% power source that would  
6 be available to our client, and that design change might  
7 possibly occur, would eliminate that and just close in  
8 on the diesel generators.

9 The best time under those conditions the  
10 diesel generator would close in to the bus would be  
11 approximately 2.5 seconds.

12 The diesel generators, as they have been  
13 in the majority of the BWR's, will start and come up  
14 to where they synchronize, and pick up the first load  
15 within 10 seconds.

16 We have looked into the design of the bus  
17 itself and critical loads; we've compared them to REG  
18 Guide 1.9 as far as the capability of large voltage drops  
19 affecting the acceleration, and all tests there have been  
20 satisfactory.

21 The load change sequence again are very  
22 typical of other BWR's, and by the time the diesel  
23 generator comes on and synchronizes with Division I, it  
24 will pick up the low pressure core spray system, immediately;  
25 5 seconds later LPCA; then 15 seconds -- I'm sorry,



1 10 seconds later, standby search water pumps---

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: I don't think we  
3 have to go on through that part of it; I'm familiar with  
4 that.

5 MR. AMBROSINO: The other diesel generator  
6 was the HPCS diesel generator. This is much smaller.  
7 The same tests were done for this; independence; low  
8 change sequencing is not applicable; and the only major  
9 difference on this diesel from the others, except for -- well,  
10 there's many, many diesel differences. This diesel  
11 has two diesels on one generator, but it does not, has  
12 no provision for automatic paralleling. It only has  
13 manual paralleling ability.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: I do not like  
15 your -- how vulnerable is the AC power system --

16 MR. AMBROSINO: Pardon me?

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: How vulnerable is  
18 the AC power system if the DC power is blown?

19 MR. AMBROSINO: If we lose all DC power?  
20 DC power is patrolled circuitry toward the breakers, so  
21 just looking at this aspect you are affecting reliability.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Have you given  
23 thought to the vulnerability of the DC system as it  
24 affects AC power?

25 MR. AMBROSINO: We have looked at the DC

1 system. That's what we're coming to next.

2 The reliability of the DC system, it would  
3 be ver., very difficult to lose that, the way it is  
4 designed, and hopefully we can show you that in the next  
5 set of slides.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: All right, I must  
7 have missed that. I didn't anticipate that you were  
8 coming to that.

9 MR. AMBROSINO: Now, we went through the  
10 whole thing, starting with the outside, we  
11 went through the inside, and all the way to  
12 shutdown.

13 On the GGNS Battery Systems, the BOP System  
14 Batteries were talked about. They have AC battery  
15 chargers; they separate batteries; multi-purpose.

16 The major one for concern in reliability,  
17 as we discussed with the DC power, would be the ESF  
18 battery systems. Those are in the 11 A, B and C, as we  
19 will see in a minute.

20 They are Class 1 E, Triple E 308, seismic  
21 category 1. maintain physical separation criteria,  
22 maintain single failure criteria. The ESF battery  
23 capabilities we'll be looking at. However, basically,  
24 their capabilities, they're designed for 4 hours continuous  
25 operation, with 3 intermittent load starts.

1                    Basically, that's our battery system, A  
2 through J, and which ones are divisional batteries for  
3 ESF, we talked about here; all 125 volt DC. Balance of  
4 Plant batteries, turbine auxiliaries, radial well, and so  
5 on and so forth.

6                    One comment is our converter system to  
7 kilometer DV batteries, and they do supply instrumentation  
8 to site control.

9                    One of the major things that we found in the  
10 design of the Plant was enhanced and corrected, or will  
11 be shortly, is our RC and IS system for out of control  
12 information. It is not connected to an interval level  
13 convertor source, and a loss of offsite power. We have  
14 no indication on the video screens of CRT's. That has  
15 now been corrected, and we should have sufficient  
16 instrumentation for pressure level temperature, 3 critical  
17 planners. It does come out of supply work; advisory  
18 operations people, **and is required** to safely shutdown  
19 **the unit** ; to safely shutdown.

20                    Okay. This is --

21                    ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Could I suggest we  
22 just skip this, and I would like to just get to the bottom  
23 line, because I'm going to have to leave.

24                    MR. AMBROSINO: Okay. The bottom line is  
25 we have two scenarios; rather, we went through this data,

1 and the first scenario was \_\_\_\_\_ Section  
2 **Fifteen** , and that is the loss of all **three** connections;  
3 and from that point we jumped to the scenario on station  
4 blackout. And now, hopefully we have shown you some of  
5 the reliability of the system.

6 Is there anything you can go over the RCIC  
7 system, how that would interface with these --

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: No, I don't need  
9 to have that. I just want to get a feeling of how long  
10 you would be done, and what the action might be to get  
11 back in service if you were to interrupt all the AC power  
12 and have a station blackout.

13 MR. AMBROSINO: Okay. There is a number of  
14 pieces of data that we haven't looked at, into, to  
15 satisfy that.

16 The scenario here on Loss of Grid you get  
17 which leads into that. Very briefly, you lose your Grid,  
18 the turbine control valves fast close; recirc pumps trip;  
19 fast control valves closure gives you the reactor scram;  
20 bypass valves open; safety relief valves open; you  
21 finally get to a point your MSIV's close due to a loss  
22 of power to **keep the vents** open; feedwater pumps trip  
23 as we talked about before in our emergency procedures, so  
24 we no longer have that; and in this case we have picked  
25 up diesel generators and the time sequence is about 30

1 seconds; HP system and time RCIC comes on.

2 The scenario for total station black out  
3 is very similar.

4 REPORTER: Just a minute.

5 (Tape was changed).

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1                   ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Just go ahead. We  
2 were waiting for the Reporter.

3                   MR. AMBROSINO: All right, a total loss of  
4 offsite and onsite AC power, or station blackout. We  
5 took initiating event. We had simultaneous loss of both  
6 500 KV lines and 115 KVfeeder, Division 1 and Division 2  
7 and Division 3, diesel generators were inoperative.

8                   We have the same scenario down to this point;  
9 we began reactor scram; MSIV close, safety relief valves  
10 pop under high pressure; feed pump turbines trip again;  
11 RCIC auto initiation at level 2; and all the containment  
12 isolation valves which are air operated will fail to  
13 close

14                   The relief valve that we are relying on in  
15 this scenario is RCIC, and the use of ADS valves. What  
16 the operator would do in that case, and I am coming to  
17 that number very shortly, is that the control level with  
18 RCIC; he would actuate ADS; manually actuate the ADS  
19 valves evenly around the pool to prevent localized heating  
20 of the pool and also to maintain integrity of the valve  
21 systems; isolate unnecessary DC loads; maintain reactive  
22 pressure and level through use of the Control Room and  
23 local indications; make preparations to restore AC when  
24 it comes back on. We estimate about 2 hours time.

25                   Now, if you look at some of these systems,

1 for example, the accumulators. The SRV's are good for  
2 100 per accumulator, per Division. So we had that.

3 If you look at battery capabilities, the  
4 studies that we've made, we got through our own engineers  
5 and through Bechtel, show that we can maintain battery  
6 power for 17 hours.

7 Temperatures in the suppression pool, in  
8 order to mitigate that we use a number of systems; like  
9 suppression pool makeup for additional heat removal; we  
10 could dump approximately 50,000 gallons of water out of  
11 fuel pool without affecting that, and get water from our  
12 **play** water system inside.

13 But 2 hours is what you're looking at

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Have you got a  
15 tabulated list of those actions somewhere that you can  
16 provide to us? I don't need it right now. But I think  
17 sometime we would want to have --

18 MR. AMBROSINO: You mean a tabulated list,  
19 such as the air in the accumulators, the batteries --

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Things that need  
21 to be done through the time that the station blackout  
22 occurs until you recover power, and some indication of  
23 how long it takes to do these things.

24 MR. AMBROSINO: We could do that for you.  
25 We have, as you can see, a great amount of data already

1 accumulated and tabulated for ourselves.

2 We also have looked into the ability of  
3 getting standby power supply. We know where we would  
4 connect it; we would connect it to the output supply of  
5 the breakers at the bus there; it would be easiest.

6 We've called people on the availability of  
7 two or three megawatts generators, have located that,  
8 and we've gotten approximate times.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN BENDER: Well, Mr. Ebersole  
10 may have a number of other questions to ask, and I  
11 apologize for having to leave. I would like to express  
12 my personal appreciation for the information we've got.

13 I think that the Regulatory Staff will ask  
14 for a little additional information concerning the Staff.  
15 We did not actually get a statement concerning how many  
16 people were on board now, as opposed to how many were  
17 needed, and whether there were any critical skills that  
18 were missing, and we really do need to have them.

19 I thank you very much.

20 (Member Bender withdrew from the room)

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Could I ask you  
22 a question about the RCIC System? How do you manage the  
23 temperature problem and the process of  
24 temperature control in the absence of AC power?

25 MR. AMBROSINO: We, first of all, this is



1 the best event that we've made at Plant Staff. There's  
2 not a part of the design for Plant, it's just something  
3 we do. As you mentioned before, as we've mentioned before,  
4 you look at these kinds of things, and not what your  
5 problem comes from before.

6 In the RCIC room, which is located on 93  
7 elevation, the reactor sater cleanup pumps we were talking  
8 about before are above them by 2 elevations.

9 The common blowout shaft that Ken mentioned  
10 before cleanup is used in those RCIC rooms. Now, if  
11 you look there's a 90 foot stack there, and one of the  
12 possible items -- and one other item before I get  
13 to that is your blowoff panels, are designed for 1 psi  
14 differential.

15 One method you might use and, again, it has  
16 not been proven; has not been modeled by computer as a  
17 design in the Plant, is to go into a natural circulation  
18 condition. Even though many people are concerned about  
19 natural circulation with air, the density concerns, normally  
20 the turbulence effects and thermal effects on stack that  
21 long, are not detrimental in natural circulations.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, they could  
23 be easily verified, couldn't it; or could it?

24 MR. AMBROSINO: Well, that's one of the  
25 things we are coming to at the end of this presentation.

1 Something we are planning to do. Well, we weren't planning  
2 to do that, but we can possibly demonstrate; I need to  
3 talk to my manager.

4 But anyway what we proposed there was  
5 natural circulation on both sides of that room, because  
6 of the blowout shafts, and maintaining the cooling  
7 capability below 212 degrees, which was -- GE has  
8 limitation of 6 hours under controlled circuitry, and  
9 then the 150 degrees for 6 after after that also.

10 The other part that you need, along with  
11 the electronics cooling, is some things like possibly  
12 moving control signature outside the room might be there;  
13 I don't know the actual feasibility.

14 The other thing that you need to be concerned  
15 with, and that's suppression pool temperature. And as  
16 you mentioned earlier, the dumping of the pools, the  
17 upper containment, partly set fuel pool, play waters,  
18 and so on and so forth --

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Those DC valves  
20 are good?

21 MR. AMBROSINO: The suppression pool valves?

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: The dumping of  
23 water.

24 MR. AMBROSINO: Those valves are AC valves.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: How are you going

1 to do it, drain them?

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, there's two  
3 ways of doing it; we thought about that. Those are the  
4 two valves that Larry Dale talked to you about, the F001  
5 and F002 valves. They're butterflies; the dumping time  
6 of both pools, suppression pool and both lines, about  
7 3½ seconds -- I mean 3½ minutes.

8 One way is to send an operator in to open  
9 them; the second way is to connect the small portable  
10 generator to the bus itself, where those valves can open  
11 that way.

12 Based on the number of airborne products  
13 that'll be in the containment from the blowdown, you've  
14 got your \_\_\_\_\_, elons, scriptons, depending on the  
15 fuel you've got.

16 With that condition, you probably look at  
17 the cooling. You would be connecting a temporary small  
18 power source, the air cooling, opening it and keep the  
19 personnel out.

20 However, the possibility of using self-  
21 contained breathing apparatus is obviously available.

22 As you can tell, it's something that we have  
23 thought about; and it is basically in the thinking stages  
24 right now and planning for any contingencies that could  
25

1 occur.

2 The last item I would like to talk about  
3 before we go into the test that we had mentioned, was  
4 the effect on recirculation pump seals, the loss of  
5 the seals, which used to be a part of the BWR's and  
6 modification on the older Plants, coming out of the CRG  
7 system that had full control belts.

8 We've looked at normal supply of cooling,  
9 and we've got in difficulty with the data at that time,  
10 which I am sure you are all aware.

11 The number of 70 gallons per minute was  
12 discussed, leakage, and I believe that was based on  
13 total seal failure where your breakdown pushers below  
14 the lower seal, were to maintain that 70 gallons per  
15 minute at a minimum.

16 There has been some additional data, it's  
17 preliminary. And that data was based on St. Lucy, where  
18 during some hot shutdown testing, they seemed to feel  
19 that the leakage was much less than the 70 gallons per  
20 minute, as discussed. However, there was nothing  
21 definitive at this time.

22 I do know from some of that temporary data  
23 that GE is now looking at it, and it was in a letter of  
24 September 19th going to GE.

25 The last item that I want to mention was

1 we did, as you can see, look into the possibilities of  
2 the total station blackout, its effects; what critical  
3 systems it affected, after looking at all of our AC and  
4 DC capabilities in the Plant.

5 And what we agreed to do is a test in the  
6 Plant at the first refueling outage, and that test will  
7 simulate loss of offsite power. That letter was sent to  
8 the NRC on August 18, 1981, and at that time it did say  
9 that Mississippi Power and Light Company would perform  
10 a simulated loss of power test at Grand Gulf Nuclear  
11 Station at the end of the first refueling cycle.

12 The purpose of that test is to collect data;  
13 to see what the actual events were; to see what  
14 is unforeseen. We have also shown you many of the  
15 things that we have looked into.

16 However, during that test and to maintain,  
17 I believe, an adequate conservatism for manned use in running  
18 the plant, the nuclear power plant.

19 The manual initiation portion of RCIC, I  
20 mean of HPCS will not be altered, so your then theoretical  
21 problem: is that that system is available.

22 Any modification performance test which is  
23 in violation of technical specifications will have to be  
24 evaluated, discussed, and agreed upon with the NRC.

25 There are certain critical parameters which

1 which will assail, that we will leave in operation during  
2 that period of time for gaining this knowledge that is  
3 needed in **the area of** reactor safety.

4 Also one of the benefits that we plan to  
5 derive by doing this test at the end of the fuel outage,  
6 the first refuel outage; you know, prior to refueling  
7 that outage, is we will already have our simulator, as  
8 Ken described earlier, on site, and that will, along with  
9 the experience, which is a very important part of doing  
10 anything, really, in connection with the **operator, will**  
11 be getting off from actually running the plant from the  
12 **shift location and training time in the** simulator, will become  
13 much more receptive to the intricacies of this BWR.

14 Many BWR's that I have been to in the last  
15 11 years. They are all basically che same, but each one  
16 is a little unique, based on its core size, different  
17 systems, so we will not only get very **trained by this,**  
18 but will also gain by that experience.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: In estimating  
20 the heat up of the total loss of AC power, did you  
21 accommodate the earlier matters we spoke about  
22 the hot dry temperature containment, since the  
23 containment system will be now disabled. You ought to  
24 get it to blow down, which will increase the \_\_\_\_\_  
water - - (Laughter) - - the suppression pool

1 temperature.

2 MR. AMBROSINO: We looked at the temperatures,  
3 and here again this is rough calculations by Plant Staff  
4 Engineering Group, which I will openly admit does not  
5 have the high powered requirements of the design group nor  
6 the access. I think it is more of -- to look into this  
7 would be more of good intent. This \_\_\_\_\_ condition  
8 would occur.

9 We limited the temperature of the suppression  
10 pool to roughly 185 degrees. We did not go above that  
11 point with that water added. If you look at the design  
12 criteria for the drywell, the temperature is 330 degrees.

13 And the basis, one of the basis for the  
14 cooling systems in there is the influx, where there  
15 would be wiring and sub-piling underneath the  
16 vessel.

17 And I do not remember the actual temperature  
18 we got to in the drywell. Again, we do not have the  
19 drywell coolers because their primary sources of supply  
20 is plant service water, that or standby service water.

21 However, I do believe that we were at the  
22 guidelines. I do not remember anything adverse  
23 temperature-wise above the 130 degrees. In fact I think  
24 it was much lower than that.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Have you estimated

1 the probability of getting into this state, complete loss  
2 of AC power?

3 MR. AMBROSINO: I don't know if we've  
4 actually done any probability studies. However, one  
5 comment I would like to make is I believe we made the --  
6 I didn't see it necessary, and we still will be, you  
7 know, looking into it.

8 However, the probability of losing all the  
9 DC power, all the AC power --

10 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, not all  
11 the AC --

12 MR. AMBROSINO: The generators --

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: The DC power, I  
14 will eliminate that --

15 (Several people talking at once)

16 MR. AMBROSINO: Well, we'll eliminate that;  
17 just look at the possibility of losing those two 500 KV  
18 lines right now, because of their location at the scene,  
19 plus the 31 from Unit 2.

20 The probability of losing the diesel  
21 generators, which have a normal surveillance program;  
22 they're maintained in the most reliable condition we can  
23 possibly do. This is not only for surveillance, but  
24 PM's . In this plant we take, just viably take  
25 a rule that our plant maintenance -- I'm sorry, preventive



1 maintenance program, comes to something like 4000 procedures  
2 altogether.

3 So based on all the things we've done for  
4 conservatism, maintenance of our plant, diversity of  
5 supply, in my opinion the chances are very, very low.

6 However --

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: It might be  
8 interesting for you to put it interesting to put it in  
9 **a numerical** form, however; you might be surprised.

10 As I mentioned, the WASH-1400 Report was  
11 not too good in this area. As I said, it **impeded**  
12 in the Plant which of course multiplies by a factor of  
13 2, with \_\_\_\_\_ of 100, one chance in 100, **over a 40 year life.**  
14 So you stretch that out a matter of 40 years. Stretch  
15 out your **installation of** units; that's really a high  
16 probability and you want to be prepared for it, which  
17 evidently you are.

18 MR. AMBROSINO: So you are asking that we  
19 make **a study to determine probabilities?**

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: In essence there's  
21 a justification for whatever you do, what you have done.  
22 You might be interested yourselves.

23 I'd like to go back for a moment to the  
24 DC systems. Were you on saturation charge. Are your  
25 DC loads capable of taking the high voltage and remain

1 connected while you're on saturation charge?

2 MR. AMBROSINO: Normally what we do it --  
3 well, let me hit a couple of points to get to that.

4 First of all, we mentioned a 4 hour  
5 capability intermittent, two times. The battery eight  
6 hour charge are based on batteries A and B are much  
7 larger ones, 20 to 30 amps per 3 hours; something like  
8 20-60 for one minute.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: You understand  
10 what I'm saying?

11 MR. AMBROSINO: I guess -- I don't --

12 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, let me --  
13 some of the older plants have to disconnect the connected  
14 loads in order to get the saturation voltage when they  
15 go to a new policy of charging?

16 MR. AMBROSINO: Yes.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: And that is not  
18 a nice thing to do. We would rather have the design  
19 loads capable of taking that high voltage for the  
20 interval that you are charging. It is not very good  
21 practice to disconnect the load from the battery for the  
22 purpose of equalizing charge.

23 Do you follow me?

24 MR. AMBROSINO: I follow you now. One thing  
that we've done -- I don't know about how to answer that

1 question exactly. One thing is we are getting permission  
2 for the low testing -- Okay; what we're talking about --

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Why don't you  
4 at some future time, you can straighten that matter out.  
5 We would like to hear you say that you do not have to  
6 disconnect your critical loads from the battery in order  
7 to equalize the charge.

8 MR. McCOY: Ken McCoy here. We do have the  
9 capability of doing an equalizing charge without having  
10 to disconnect.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: You know that  
12 already? Thank you.

13 MR. AMBROSINO: Are there any other questions?

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I think that  
15 ought to close the AC DC questions. We can go to the  
16 next topic.

17 MR. McGAUGHY: Okay. What would you like  
18 to do next.

19 REPORTER: Let's take one more break, as  
20 long as we've come to a stopping point.

21 (There was a short recess).

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: The meeting will  
23 come to order.

24 J. G. CESARE

25 MR. CESARE: My name is John Cesare, and

1 I'm Supervisor of Licensing with MP&L, Safety and Licensing  
2 Section.

3 We've been asked to address the subject  
4 of the most limiting **non-seismic pipe failure in the Grand**  
5 **Gulf design**, and in this case it is the circulation water  
6 system. The circulating water system **removes excess heat**  
7 **from the main condenser, via** the cooling tower, one per  
8 Unit.

9 Very briefly, we postulate **before a pipe break,**  
10 an expansion joint failure; or a butterfly valve failure,  
11 the pumps are not assumed to shutoff, **nor are we**  
12 taking credit for the pump discharge valves to shut.

13 The design provisions, to mitigate the  
14 consequences of this failure, include primarily the  
15 waterproofing of the Unit 1 auxiliary building, up to  
16 an elevation of 114. This was one of the steps we took  
17 when we discovered that in our Engineering Review Team,  
18 a walk down that we had some essential equipment in a  
19 flooded area.

20 One additional item is the for spaces exposed  
21 to flood water, the lowest elevation at which equipment  
22 essential to achieving and maintaining a cold shutdown  
23 is elevation 110, and that is in the control building.

24 Alarms indications, the expansion joints  
25 have a leak detection alarm now seated in the Control

1 Room, the Sump level alarm in the condensor room has an  
2 alarm enunciated in the Control Room; the cooling tower  
3 basin water level has instrumentation, and a low level  
4 there, alarm indicating to the operator that he has an  
5 inventory problem.

6 Over the life of the plant, we have two  
7 bounding situations that have evaluated with respect to  
8 failures in the circulating water system.

9 I would like to emphasize this one; this is  
10 characteristic of the Unit 1 operation, with Unit 2 under  
11 construction, without the circulating water system filled.  
12 In this case, as we are presently we have a security wall  
13 that separates the Unit 1 and Unit 2 portions portions  
14 of the turbine building.

15 In this case, the worst case, we assume that  
16 the security wall does not fail, and thus the water  
17 inventory is concentrated on the Unit 1 side, thus gives  
18 the worst flood level.

19 Total water inventory is 10.9 million  
20 gallons, that is the contributions from the available  
21 water in the Unit 1 circulating water system. The flood  
22 level in the affected spaces rises to an elevation of  
23 108 feet.

24 Affected spaces are the Control Building,  
25 Unit 1 turbine building, Unit 1 and 2 Radwaste pipe

1 tunnels, and the radwaste building.

2 Our evaluation is that the flood level does  
3 not reach essential equipment. It is within 2 feet of  
4 the essential equipment in the Control Building; it is  
5 within 6 feet of overflowing watertight integrity that  
6 we have established in the Unit 1 auxiliary building.

7 That's the interface between the turbine  
8 building and the auxiliary building.

9 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: The 2 feet and  
10 the 6 feet represent some percentage of the total  
11 flooding height. Is it a pretty sharp pencil calculation?  
12 Are you sure the water inventory at that level of accuracy?

13 Your 2 feet is getting close.

14 MR. CESARE: Yeah. Well, we feel that the --  
15 first of all, we feel that the assumptions that we made  
16 are extremely conservative, and we have, we feel that  
17 we're confident in the flooding volume that we used.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: You are confident  
19 of the fact that the building is watertight filled with  
20 equipment?

21 MR. CESARE: Yes, we have used and I believe  
22 have affected a 4 stage that takes in account displacements  
23 like floors and other equipment.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Is this water  
from the sump at the bottom of the cooling towers?

1 MR. CESARE: Yes. In the cooling tower basin  
2 and in the pump house, anywhere that the water can come  
3 from up to a certain point. I think there's 11.4 total  
4 in the system, but that's not all that will get into the  
5 turbine building.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I guess that's  
7 the largest model for water **flooding**.

8 Do you have any critical water systems  
9 which demand constant flow at all times, which are also  
10 subject to breaks; yet you must keep pumping.

11 Do you have any **expression as**  
12 to how you might be subject to pumping from critical  
13 water systems.

14 MR. CESARE: Are you talking about an ECCS  
15 System?

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: No, I'm talking  
17 about the large cooling water systems that have large  
18 volumes available to them.

19 MR. CESARE: Well, the Plant surface water  
20 system provides makeup from the radial wells to the  
21 circulating water system. This is the largest flow rate  
22 system, circulating water system; 10 foot diameter pipes  
23 coming into the turbine building.

24 We have included the the Plant Service Water  
25 System in our flooding evaluations. Wherever Plant

1 service water goes, including inside containment, and it  
2 does not provide in those cases of **challenge or safe shutdown.**

3 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Did you have to  
4 deliberately provide drains for **hypothesized** breaks in  
5 service water piping? Are you sure that you didn't  
6 throw a gallery or a small space.

7 After all, the danger of flooding is not  
8 **entirely disproportional to the amount of water, it's**  
9 also proportional to the confinement that you're going  
10 to dump it into.

11 MR. CESARE: Agreed. One of the the criteria  
12 that's included in our systems **is** interaction walk down,  
13 which **consists of 10-inch pipe width, spraying. So we would**  
14 **look**space by space to see where the safety related  
15 equipment is, looking to what possible affects the water--  
16 where can the water come from and what is its path?  
17 It would include a communication through sumps and also  
18 through spraying.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Would it include  
20 communication through hatchways, which might be critical  
21 equipment?

22 MR. CESARE: Yes. As a matter of fact, the  
23 circulating water system is one of its pathways.

24 Is that what you want?

25 I think very quickly that we can say that



1 Unit 2 is -- Unit 1, Unit 2 operation, is a different  
2 scenario, and we have something to look at in that case.

3 Do you have any other questions?

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I have no more  
5 questions on flooding.

6 MR. McGAUGHY: Thank you very much. I  
7 would like to now to GC 19.

8 T. H. CLONINGER

9 MR. CLONINGER: My name is Ted Cloninger.  
10 I'm manager of Project Engineering for MP&L. I'll run  
11 through this quickly; it's a relatively short presentation.

12 As I am sure you are well aware, GC 19  
13 requires that you have the capability for equipment at  
14 appropriate locations outside the Control Room for prompt  
15 shutdown, as well as for cold shutdown through suitable  
16 procedures.

17 Grand Gulf provides equipment instrumentation  
18 to be in full compliance with GC 19 to achieve hot  
19 shutdown, maintain safe condition during hot shutdown,  
20 and eventually bring the plant to a safe cold shutdown  
21 situation.

22 I think the upcoming slides are probably the  
23 most important point of the Grand Gulf design. We do  
24 employ two remote shutdown panels. We have one panel  
25 for ESF Division, and a totally separate panel for ESF

1 Division 2. These panels are located in adjacent rooms in  
2 the Control Building. Panels and associated cables are  
3 separated in accordance with the NRC separation criteria.

4 This is a very rough schematic layout of  
5 the Division 1 and Division 2 shutdown panels. As you  
6 can see, they are separated for fire protection reasons;  
7 a 3 hour fire barrier between them, with a 3 hour sliding  
8 fire door that is activated either by fusible  
9 or a signal from the smoke detector.

10 The Control displayed on the remote shutdown  
11 panels are farther. On the Division 1 panel we have the  
12 RCIC, cooling isolation control system, cooling system,  
13 RHR train A, semi service water train A, 6 safety relief  
14 valves, and CRD Pump A.

15 In Division 2 we have RHR pump B; we have  
16 our service water pump B, 6 SRV's, and I will point out  
17 that these are the same 6 SRV's, but the controls are to  
18 the redundant divisional solenoids on the plate relief  
19 valve, CRD pump B.

20 In addition to those controls, we have  
21 display instrumentation to allow interpretation of  
22 reactor pressure vessel level, reactive pressure vessel  
23 pressure, suppression pool level, and suppression pool  
24 temperature.

25 I would like to point out just briefly the

1 egress on the Control Room. There are 2 stairwells that  
2 gain access, vertical access within the Control Building,  
3 one on either side of the Control Room. The operators  
4 could exit from either one of these stairwell points.

5 This is a rough isometric that shows the  
6 Control Room elevation. I want to point out the potential  
7 system of breaker cabinets above and below in the upper  
8 and lower cable spray room. I'll discuss the reasons for  
9 pointing those out in just a few minutes.

10 And then down one level, elevation down in  
11 the ESF switchgear room are where the remote shutdown  
12 panels are located. The operator would following the  
13 reason to have to evacuate the Control Room would egress  
14 down these stairwells or the other stairwells to get to  
15 the remote shutdown panel.

16 Hot shutdown from outside the Control Room  
17 is achieved by on realization that the Control Room must  
18 be evacuated due to toxic gas, smoke or other reasons.  
19 The operator would scram the reactor and insure that he  
20 has indications that all rods are in. If he could not  
21 scram the reactor prior to egressing from the Control  
22 Room, he could up and pull breakers. He would have to  
23 pull at least one breaker in each RPS cabinet in the upper  
24 and lower cable spraying room.

25 Once that is done, he takes control at the

1 remote shutdown panels. The plant, I want to emphasize  
2 the plant at that point is still on automatic mode, and  
3 should be in a safe operating condition.

4           However, he could postulate the loss of AC  
5 power, and the operator would insure that the standby  
6 diesels have auto start, or if necessary to start them  
7 locally in the diesel generator building.

8           At that point in time -- it's not on the  
9 slide, but it could be, the main steam isolation valves  
10 could still be open, and you could still be on bypass  
11 closure condenser. However, in the design scenario, we  
12 are assuming that the **main steam isolation valves are closed.**  
13 SRV's are either operating automatically, or the operator  
14 can take manual control of the SRV's to maintain  
15 pressure.

16           The RCIC systems can either be manually  
17 started or started automatically to maintain reactive  
18 pressure vessel level.

19           RHR is used in suppression pool cooling as  
20 a mode in the heat sink, to remove decay heat.

21           The operator can obtain cold shutdown  
22 outside the Control Room by manual operation of the SRV's  
23 to reduce the reactor pressure vessel to approximately  
24 50 to 100 psi, at which point the steam flows to the  
25 RCIC turbine; it is stopped. RHR is then operated in the

1 classical shutdown cooling mode to remove decay heat.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does he have  
3 valve controls to do that?

4 MR. CLONINGER: Excuse me?

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does he have  
6 valve controls?

7 MR. CLONINGER: Yes, sir.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Thank you.

9 MR. CLONINGER: We could assume a loss of  
10 AC power, too, for any reason. A loss of one of the  
11 remote, redundant remote shutdown panel.

12 With this scenario, we will assume that it  
13 is Division 1 that has the RCIC Controls on it.

14 Again, we assume that the operator either  
15 scrams the reactor from the Control Room, or by pulling  
16 the RPS breakers. The power to the other Division is  
17 restored.

18 Again, he uses manual operation of SRV's to  
19 reduce reactive vessel pressure; long term cooling is  
20 maintained by RHR in alternate shutdown cooling mode.

21 That basically -- I've got a couple of  
22 other slides about fire protection, but basically that's  
23 a description of our remote shutdown capability.

24 I think the important points are that we  
25 are, like more of the current vintage plants, in that we

1 have redundant remote shutdown panels. One other point  
2 that I think is important is that those panels are  
3 configured from a human factor standpoint, exactly like  
4 a control panel, so that when the operator takes control,  
5 that he doesn't have to scratch his head and look at  
6 different things.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: One of the  
8 reasons for raising this question was a point in the  
9 interpretation of GDC 19 amounted in the long run that  
10 the control room was not occupiable because of some steam  
11 in it. But there was virtually no damage except for a  
12 single channel **tear up in the control room.**

13 That was displaced by the theory, which I  
14 think **may be grounds for intense review, because there might**  
15 be a chance that the control room would burn out  
16 completely, and it led to the issue of whether it was  
17 valid and reasonable to provide extension wiring to  
18 the terminal that's in the control room, to the distant  
19 remote shutdown panel.

20 Will you comment on how you get your  
21 information on these shutdown panels, whether you do or  
22 do not derive it from terminal **voids** in the control room,  
23 or whether you go to a primary information source.

24 MR. CLONINGER: Currently as far as the  
25 design, we do make the design based assumption that the

1 disabled vent in the control room does not render the  
2 controls displays in the control room inoperable.

3 We do not assume a design basis of exposure  
4 fire in the control room result in odd shorts. We have,  
5 if you will notice in the SER, although we do take  
6 exception and feel like that an exposure fire in the  
7 control room is **logic** from a design basis of critical  
8 event.

9 We have permitted by the **milestone of returning**  
10 **power to the \_\_\_\_\_ lines**, to install a transfer switch  
11 which will insure electrical isolation from the terminal  
12 boards in the control room.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, how do you  
14 derive your source of level information. Your transfer  
15 switches don't provide you with new valid signal sources,  
16 which for such information's temperature

17 MR. CLONINGER: Well, with those signals,  
18 we would go either into termination cabinets or cabinets  
19 outside the control room boundary, to pull off signals  
20 and isolate those signals into the remote shutdown panel.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, for the  
22 record right now, it's fair to say that you're not  
23 prepared for a control room burnout. Is that fair to  
24 say?

25 MR. CLONINGER: For the record today, we are

1 not prepared for a complete exposure fire.

2 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: In the control  
3 room.

4 MR. CLONINGER: In the control room.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: You do have,  
6 though, in the remote spraying rooms?

7 MR. CLONINGER: Yes, sir.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: To estimate the  
9 loss of heat of those. Is it not true that your control  
10 board is largely wired with polyethylene (ph) wiring,  
11 which represents a distinctive **fire source**?

12 MR. CLONINGER: I should be able to answer  
13 that. Let me -- I can get an answer that satisfies; the  
14 answer -- I'm sure the answer is no.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Perhaps when we  
16 get together sometime again, perhaps you can give us  
17 your estimate of whether or not there can be an exposure  
18 fire that would fully extend to encroach damage beyond  
19 single channel damage in the control room.

20 MR. CLONINGER: We would like to point out  
21 that we do have a fire suppression system in the floor  
22 section race lanes in the control room. We feel like,  
23 and the argument that we maintain is probably the  
24 biggest source, particular source for an exposure fire.  
25 Now, an exposure fire would be transient combustibles,



1 and that's been our basis of event. But we will look  
2 into that at the next opportunity, and be prepared to  
3 discuss that at the next meeting.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I make a comment  
5 that you needn't be discouraged by that people who say that  
6 such a design is impossible, because it isn't. You can  
7 transfer switches where you need them and derive new  
8 sources where you need information. There's not that  
9 much money in it, considering the enormous investment.

10 MR. CLONINGER: I concur with you, but we  
11 do have transfer switches on several of those valves that  
12 you asked me about. We have maintained contact position  
13 in the control room, so that the valves that maintain  
14 contact, we won't transfer control of the switch. He  
15 may not have had time to return it to a neutral position.

16 But we are looking into the transfer system.

17 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Well, then I guess  
18 here at a later time, what you intend to do to further  
19 refine this system.

20 MR. CLONINGER: Yes, sir.

21 MR. McGAUGHY: For the record, the wiring  
22 in the control room handles all fire retardants wiring.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: All right, the  
24 next topic then is your choice. We have Environmental  
25 Qualification.

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T. M. JOHNSON

MR. JOHNSON: My name is McKinley Johnson, Project Engineer, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station.

The topic I would like to discuss today, and I'll try to keep it brief, maybe 10 minutes; 15 minutes; is Equipment Qualification. In particular, the qualification on Class 1 Electrical equipment to the requirements of NUREG 0588.

REPORTER: Just a minute, sir. Would you talk into the microphone, please? I don't believe I'm picking you up very well.

MR. JOHNSON: The items I would like to discuss very briefly in the beginning are Background and Milestones.

Then I'd like to describe in some detail what our program has consisted of. There is one slide on the Status today, and then I would like to discuss with you what I think our conclusions are.

NUREG 0588 was issued in early 1980. This NUREG contains specific criteria with regard to accident environment calculations; with regard to demonstrations of operability under DBA conditions; with regard to ageing, margins, and documentation requirements.

Our evaluations began in October of 1980 with issuance of contractor procedures for doing the

1 initial reviews. In October of 1980 environment development  
2 began by General Electric Company and by Bechtel  
3 Corporation. In February 1981 environments had been  
4 developed, environments in equipment evaluation began.

5 NRC submittal was made on July 1, 1981, and  
6 the content of that submittal was rather extensive. We  
7 provided all the equipment lists that had been used in  
8 determining what equipment should be a part of 0588 in  
9 requirement review.

10 We provided environmental profiles that had  
11 been calculated specifically to the requirements of  
12 NUREG 0588, both radiating in and out of containment;  
13 pressure and temperature profiles inside and outside the  
14 containment.

15 Those were developed by a bounding, by  
16 calculating small break and large break accidents, some  
17 compartment room analysis, and bounding those two profiles  
18 to make sure we had the temperature profiles that were  
19 bounded from the small break accident.

20 We also explained what our criteria for  
21 exemption of equipment was, and we provided all procedures,  
22 a copy of our procedures to describe the program that we  
23 had in place.

24 In addition to the introduction document of  
25 course, the equipment evaluation is what the NRC is

1 really looking for, along with the summary of results and  
2 the follow up program.

3 We then made the NRC submittal supplement  
4 on September 1, based on discussion with the NRC. and  
5 on the screen now we show an NRC audit which is presently  
6 scheduled for October 1981.

7 With regard to program definition, basically  
8 it's a 5 phase program. In the first phase we described  
9 what a contractor's program requirements were. What we  
10 wanted them to look at; how we should document those views;  
11 and on what schedule it should be done.

12 Phase 2 related to MP&L Technical Reviews  
13 of Work in Progress. Basically, we set up technical  
14 reviews in their house. We were working on a tight  
15 schedule; we were trying to support a licensing letter in  
16 a year. We didn't want to receive our evaluations in the  
17 June time frame, find something that we really didn't like  
18 and have to start all over again. We set up technical  
19 reviews as the work was in progress, trying to make any  
20 corrections and adjustments while the work was under way.

21 Phase 3 came from discussions with the  
22 Equipment Qualifications Branch. In effect, they were  
23 very strong that they wanted an independent MP&L review  
24 prior to acceptance, with emphases on test anomalies; and  
25 they were indicating, based on their 7901B submittal from

1 the operating plants, that they were seeing in the test  
2 performance test anomalies that were not being conducted  
3 to evaluate. Basically, we described the environment,  
4 and he wanted the equipment to be qualified to work 100  
5 days; that was the optimum requirement, 100 temperature  
6 pressure rated conditions.

7           You had a very extensive test report that  
8 indicated that that was the case, but if you really get  
9 into this detailed test performance, you will find test  
10 anomalies that need to be discussed, so we implemented  
11 phase 3 program for that reason.

12           Phase 4 and 5 I'll discuss very briefly.  
13 Phase 4 has to do with reperformance of any evaluation  
14 after our original submittal but prior to fuel load for  
15 any equipment anomalies to be qualified. We had to come  
16 back; we wanted to make sure our documentation continues  
17 as our reviews continue.

18           We also indicated at that time that we will  
19 take a look at at our reviews, and if there is any  
20 maintenance activity that we see is required in those  
21 reviews, then that would be included in our maintenance  
22 activities.

23           Phase 5 is the same thing, except it's done  
24 after the fuel load. If we feel, you know, an operation  
25 is justified now, based on testing that's been done, maybe

1 there was in adequate agent addressed to demonstrate the  
2 performance of a function for 10 years, 20 years, 30  
3 years. We know it will now. But maybe the agent wasn't  
4 addressed just right.

5 So we indicate that we will come back and  
6 complete these evaluations at that time.

7 I have 3 examples of program documentation  
8 requirements. I will walk through them very briefly just  
9 to give you a flavor of how the program proceeded and  
10 what we are really looking for.

11 I have a copy of equipment evaluation check  
12 list, first page only, of a 5 page document. Also a copy  
13 of evaluation worksheet and then the MP&I qualification  
14 status.

15 This document may be a little bit small  
16 print, may be a difficult to read, so I'll just walk  
17 through one or two areas with you.

18 Under Item 1, which is the establishment of  
19 qualification parameters for DBA, they ask the question,  
20 "does the time dependent test profile envelop plant  
21 specific temperature and pressure profiled?"

22 And what we're asking the engineer to do  
23 there in his evaluation is to actually take his test  
24 profile, lay it on top of his require profile, and if  
25 there is any place that the profiles don't bound, we want

1 him to make note of it here. We don't ask him to resolve  
2 it here; that's done in a different spot in the procedure,  
3 but this gives us a spot when MP&L reviews the evaluations.  
4 We can catch problems and make sure that we've reviewed  
5 all discussions and analysis of those problems.

6 Another example, "Is radiation qualification  
7 based on equipment qualified life plus most severe DBA  
8 for which equipment must remain functional?" Quite  
9 simply, they're asking you, "does your total integrated  
10 dose, including your normal integrated dose over 40 years,  
11 plus that that would be accumulated in 100 day accident  
12 DBA conditions?" Is that the value you're comparing to  
13 the test value?

14 That's just a couple of examples of this  
15 design phase.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: The ageing  
17 question; those are some of the most difficult questions  
18 to really get answers on, the ageing effects.

19 MR. JOHNSON: The ageing is the reason you'll  
20 see that the majority of equipment is not qualified to  
21 perform the function you are qualifying.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Isn't there a  
23 reasonable approach that you might use there, in that  
24 ageing is the thing that requires time to do things,  
25 after all. You can age your equipment in the field, and

1 on a **sampling** basis, pull it out and see what's going  
2 on.

3 MR. JOHNSON: I agree with that, but unless  
4 I'm mistaken, the Staff's position is very clear that they  
5 would accept ageing with uranium methodology.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does Staff have  
7 any comment on this?

8 MR. HOUSTON: No, I would just comment that  
9 that would be one of the justification for an interim  
10 thing, so that you could proceed. And certainly until  
11 you've had a symptom of actual ageing, you're in no  
12 difficulty. So there wouldn't be a permanent solution  
13 there.

14 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Some of the ageing  
15 tests, as I recall, is done by applying heat treatments  
16 to the various components; but that would produce some  
17 failures which would really not be produced during life.

18 I certainly would invite you to propose a  
19 **real aging by sampling** operations over a time, to see  
20 what degradations occur after exposure to normal  
21 environment tests.

22 MR. JOHNSON: That's a good suggestion.  
23 You would quite often have equipment that was mechanically  
24 aged; if it's a breaker, maybe it's been cycled between  
25 valves and cycles or something; a prototype.



1                   ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Do you have any  
2 comments about, apart from age, and let's talk about the  
3 new condition of your equipment. Do you have electrical  
4 apparatus inside your, the wetwell aspects and drywell?

5                   MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

6                   ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Apart from the  
7 ageing problem, which is important, are you confirming  
8 for your own corporate benefit, the reliability of such  
9 things as the solenoid valves that I mentioned earlier,  
10 which are the in circuit and which are the out circuit,  
11 their reliability under exposure conditions in the  
12 containment, to guarantee your ability to blowdown, for  
13 instance?

14                   MR. JOHNSON: Are you referring to the  
15 SRV solenoids valves?

16                   ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Right.

17                   MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir, they are in our  
18 program; that's correct.

19                   ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Are current  
20 results on those available for your particular

21                   MR. JOHNSON: I believe that that component  
22 presently is not qualified. I don't recall the details  
23 on it.

24                   ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I am sure you all  
25 realize that it's the inability of those solenoid valves

1 that presents a very serious problem.

2 MR. JOHNSON: That is correct. In justifying  
3 our own operation, we are very scrupulous, if that's the  
4 proper word, in review of the test data that we have.

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: What about the  
6 valve operators inside; these are AC motor valves?

7 MR. JOHNSON: Well, we are fortunate in  
8 being one of the later plants. We have on essentially all  
9 motor operated valves, AC and DC, inside and outside of  
10 the containment, we do have test data on those valves.

11 They have been subjected to pressure and  
12 temperature and radiation analysis. The problem there **again**  
13 **is aging.** We do not have sufficient **aging to deal with**  
14 those things.

15 So we know that they'll take the LOCA and  
16 perform their function properly for 100 days if the  
17 LOCA occurs **early in the life of the plant.**

18 We've got to go back and address what it  
19 will do in 10 years, 40 years, **down the road.**

20 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Can you comment  
21 on the **viability of the kind of equipment**  
22 that might be inside hostile environments; in the drywell  
23 and in the wetwell?

24 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir, one of the components,  
25 as you will see when we get to status on transmitters, is

1 one that we still -- it's an incomplete status right now.  
2 We're continuing to look at it. We have **one model**  
3 **11 F** fifty-one transmitter that have been qualified to  
4 two       **RADS**, I believe. We probably have 75 to 80 of  
5 those transmitters, only on one side.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: How do you  
7 regard these apparent hanging questions on these devices  
8 **in respect to your aspirations in covering these --- -**

9 **Could you explain that?**

10 MR. JOHNSON: Most of our problems are  
11 ageing. We have, like I say, we generally have quite  
12 extensive LOCA tests on all these parts. In those cases  
13 where we haven't, we're actively out finding a solution  
14 right now.

15 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does the Staff  
16 see any problems for, in the aspect of startup, with  
17 some of these tests that are hanging up like this?

18 MR. HOUSTON: The Staff hasn't completed its  
19 review of **what was submitted**. Of what we have, I have  
20 **reasonable assurance it** is in there. There's a rationale  
21 for each of these items, there should be a rationale that  
22 the licensee finds acceptable, the Applicant finds  
23 acceptable, to make sure we allow it to run  
24 We are looking at those but right now, I'm not aware of  
25 any --

1           ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: For instance, you  
2 would be willing to compromise on that of the ageing  
3 problem, if there was an active program to solve it.

4           MR. HOUSTON: Yeah, providing the ageing was  
5 not a concern.

6           ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Yeah; right.

7           MR. JOHNSON: That's consistent with the  
8 feeling we get from the Equipment modification **people**.

9           This particular slide is an example of the  
10 evaluation worksheet that the NRC specifically asked for.  
11 It's an attachment to NUREG 0588.

12           It basically asks the utility to demonstrate  
13 in this area with regard to temperature, what is -- the  
14 specification they're asking is, what is it required to  
15 do under LOCA conditions. What is the **peak** temperature;  
16 you can't reference the test profile or a required **profile**  
17 **due to** \_\_\_\_\_. We generally put in **peak** value as  
18 well.

19           What is it qualified to; where have you  
20 documented what this value is, and where have you  
21 documented what this value is, for reference purposes,  
22 so they can go in and very quickly find what our test  
23 environments are; what our required environments are;  
24 whether or not we think there are any outstanding items;  
25 or if we think we're qualified in that particular area.

1           This sheet, as an example -- I mentioned  
2 in our discussion the Special Qualification Branch of  
3 the NRC they asked for a utility position, a strong  
4 position; is it qualified or is it not. They indicated  
5 very strongly that we should look at the original  
6 qualification test report for anomolies, and we addressed  
7 that in our procedure, and so we put on the front of all  
8 our evaluation packages, this type of a cover sheet, where  
9 we identify the component, and what its qualification  
10 report is, whether that would be a Wylie's Laboratory  
11 Report, or whatever.

12           We indicate that we have reviewed the  
13 qualification test report, the environment checklist, the  
14 equipment evaluation checklist, the evaluation work  
15 sheet; based on this review whether it is or is not  
16 qualified.

17           This slide is really the proof in the  
18 pudding. It establishes where we are today, based on  
19 the reviews we have done. We find that 20 equipment  
20 types meet the requirements of NUREG 0588, and that  
21 represents 34% of the types of equipment that we have  
22 reviewed.

23           There are 26 equipment types which do not  
24 meet the full requirements of NUREG 0588, but MP&L has  
25 determined that interim operation is justified.

1                   And we give some examples here of equipment  
2 that has survived LOCA testing in sufficient duration in  
3 a magnitude, but of which we have insufficient ageing  
4 data.

5                   In some cases we have a certificate of  
6 conformance; that is C of C, a certificate of conformance  
7 without test report. Sometimes it's accompanied by a  
8 Engineering Summary Report, which gives you reasonable  
9 assurance that it has been tested to the proper levels,  
10 but we don't have all the test data.

11                   Also in some cases we have vendor .....  
12 notification that at the time of our evaluation, that  
13 some components that radiate in harsh environment only.  
14 I suppose in some components, we had no test report.

15                   Since that time we've gone back and talked  
16 to the vendors; we're in the process in some cases of  
17 purchasing from him test reports for that vendor's  
18 component, and he's indicated to us that the radiation  
19 levels are greater than the radiation levels that we  
20 have.

21                   So those are examples of equipment types  
22 that we feel interim operation is justified, but we  
23 do not include our evaluation as of this day.

24                   There are 10 equipment types which we know  
25 right now will be modified, replaced, or retested prior

1 to fuel load, at which time interim operation will be  
2 justified. In this avenue, one that comes to mind is  
3 INPO industry or maintenance isolation valves. Those  
4 are going to be changed prior to fuel load.

5 Some hand switches, and we found one which  
6 suggested the radiation level is higher than had tested,  
7 and we're going to shield that one; and things of this  
8 nature. There's 10 falling in that category.

9 Then we have 3 equipment types which are  
10 incomplete at this time, and they are under review, and  
11 we feel that they will be resolved prior to fuel load.

12 MR. HOUSTON: I will just say that if the  
13 Staff will find that degree of completion in their audit  
14 in the order that we were waiting for earlier, they do  
15 not have enough of the total pipe chart decision  
16 process completed. So on the basis of that, if the  
17 audit goes well, this looks like the problem area will  
18 go away.

19 MR. TEDESCO: And if we get a real careful  
20 checkoff of the critical equipment in the drywell.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, well the environment  
22 should have got there as far as they're concerned. For  
23 example, the radiation levels in the containment,  
24 assuming that you have a LOCA in the drywell, you go to  
25 degraded core condition to the requirements of NUREG 0588,

1 like a **resurge break** and that is all we get to do to the  
2 drywell area when it verged over into the containment,  
3 making the high radiation levels in the drywell.

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: One thing that's  
5 been typically not fully recognized in the past is the  
6 impact of water discharges, the jet streams and so forth  
7 in the environment where you have had **lost connection**;  
8 I take it that you -- although I didn't see up there  
9 mechanical residuals from such effects, that surely you  
10 must be incorporating some of your specifications for  
11 that sort of performance.

12 MR. JOHNSON: I know there is an **high-energy-type**  
13 break analysis program, but it is not a part of NUREG  
14 0588. Here, we're looking at pressure and temperature  
15 profiles **that were run as a result of -- -**

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does the  
17 environmental qualification program look at the  
18 environmental conditions that might be associated with  
19 energetic **functions in the environment?**

20 MR. HOUSTON: I believe, if I'm not mistaken,  
21 that that's another group. You've got all of these  
22 \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ with one another.

23 What they are saying, I believe, is correct; that the  
24 environmental review of 0588 is a stepoff on the Brown's  
25 Ferry Fire considerations, and the hydrogen line break is



1 is another item , but , given a comparable, they  
2 may have to meet both of those requirements, if it  
3 happens to be in the jet stream or in the area where you  
4 get - - -

5 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Thank you.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Our conclusions at this time  
7 are that MP&L assessment of equipment qualification has  
8 progressed, and problem areas have been identified.

9 We are taking all the necessary steps to  
10 resolve problem areas and to insure that equipment  
11 qualification is not an area which will impact our startup  
12 and licensing schedule.

13 We expect to have an audit by the NRC  
14 equipment qualification branch, which is scheduled for  
15 October '81.

16 They are pretty familiar with our submittal;  
17 we talked on the phone numerous times; they've audited  
18 General Electric and seen the input programs that we have,  
19 so I don't expect any problems during our audit. I hope  
20 we'll be able to work together with equipment qualification.  
21 That is our goal.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Thank you.

23 MR. McGAUGHY: It's time to go to Human  
24 Factors.

25 A. S. McCURDY

1 MR. McCURDY: Allen McCurdy, Technical Support  
2 Superintendent, Grand Gulf.

3 I'll try to hold this very short. I'll  
4 give you a brief background on Control Room Design.

5 The development of the Control Room began  
6 in 1971. The criteria that we used was we wanted a  
7 completely integrated design of both N Triple S and  
8 BOP panels. We wanted to make use of a compact Control  
9 Room. We wanted to minimize the length of Control Boards;  
10 and we wanted to make use of computer operated guides.

11 What this led to was at the time GE was  
12 offering the nuclear net control room, and we opted for  
13 a control room with 2 CRP's in the main control panel.  
14 and we left **enough hardware** instrumentation in the control  
15 boards to operate the plant by.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: What do you mean  
17 by operate the plant, do you mean online operation or  
18 just shutdown?

19 MR. McCURDY: On line operation. Some of  
20 the more detailed guidelines were that the benchboards  
21 and consoles in the main control area were to be visible  
22 to the operator; that other equipment requiring  
23 accessibility would be located on the backpanels where,  
24 for example, the various ARM's -- they're radiation  
25 monitors that we have in the plant, maybe 100 or so --

1 would feed into a backpanel with an alarm to the main  
2 control room.

3 Support equipment to be located in other  
4 areas of the control building, turbine supervisor  
5 equipment, etcetera. We tried to /-- for improved  
6 operator interface; reduction and simplification of  
7 controls and displays; and only devices essential to the  
8 startup normal operational, control of abnormal conditions,  
9 and shutdown to be in the plain view of the main control  
10 area.

11 We wanted standardization of design and  
12 hardware, as I said earlier; we wanted to utilize, but  
13 not rely entirely on the computer operator displays.

14 By the way, I do have some slides up, some  
15 of those operator displays to give after the presentation,  
16 if you would like to see them.

17 This led to the main operator's control  
18 console, which determined the P680 panel. Basically, it  
19 was designed a miniaturized console. It was designed  
20 for wrap-around concept, and was designed for both  
21 sitdown and standup operation.

22 The panel layout; the hardwired instruments  
23 and controls were necessary for startup, load following,  
24 and shutdown to be located on that P680 panel.

25 As I said before, we make miniaturized

1 components, and we also provided on the P680 panel computer  
2 driven CRT's, recorders, digital indicators, and keyboards  
3 for control of that computer system.

4           This is just a brief layout of it. What  
5 you see here is the annunciator located in Section A;  
6 Section B is for displays; Section C is for controls,  
7 And if you go from left to right, basically this is the  
8 layout for the various control functions. Condensate;  
9 feedwater; recirculation; computer CRT or computer  
10 console; reactor control, 5, 6 and 7; Section 8 again  
11 is another computer console; and then 9 and 10 are the  
12 turbine and turbine auxiliaries, and reactor water  
13 cleanup system.

14           With respect to the, operate the computer  
15 console, only 680 main control console that the operators  
16 provided 2 19-inch color CRT's; 4 three pen trend  
17 recorders; and 2 digital indicators; and 2 key boards  
18 for the control.

19           Some typical CRT displays that are available  
20 to the operators -- as I said, I have some examples that  
21 we developed. Of course he has a Menu selection which  
22 he can call up and tells him what he has available at  
23 computer. He can get bar graphs; display trending graphs  
24 displayed; operator guides which are basically a  
25 simplified PMIG, various system in the plant which are

1 displayed through the operator drill time mode; he has  
2 access to group and special logs; alarm point displays,  
3 and he can just call up any point in the plant that he  
4 wants to; computer modules are approximately 6500 analog  
5 digital points in the plant.

6 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Can you call up  
7 a set of sequential digits after a --

8 MR. McCURDY: That is correct.

9 Basically, the operator guide program, which  
10 is the computer operator guide program; it's purpose is  
11 to provide information for a number of systems, sub-  
12 systems in the plant by providing the general configuration;  
13 the status of equipment and important variables of the  
14 system in real time mode, as I said; and also each one  
15 of the guides provides a simplified listing of precautions  
16 and limitations of the system and limiting conditions  
17 for operation that he has available on each system.

18 The control room layout, as you saw yesterday  
19 on your plant tour, is basically arranged so that the  
20 supervisor, when seated at the supervisor's console, can  
21 see both units and monitor both units; and devices on the  
22 benchboards, panels, and consoles were arranged in the  
23 same order, the same manner; and it was designed such  
24 that one operator for each unit is sufficient for normal  
25 operation.

1                   As you saw yesterday on your tour, of course  
2 the 866 panel is the supervisor's console. On that panel  
3 he has the capability to monitor both units 1 and 2. He  
4 also has the security console in it; and you have your  
5 main control console here; your auxiliary benchboard;  
6 ECCS benchboard; and your shared panels here; electrical  
7 benchboard here and shared panels up there.

8                   You don't need that over here. I'll talk  
9 about that human factors engineering.

10                  As a result of TMI of course, the NRC  
11 issued the NUREG which required that everyone perform a  
12 human factor. As a result of that, we contracted with  
13 the Essex Corporation to perform our independent third  
14 party review, and the review was conducted from June 17th  
15 to October 17th, 1980..

16                  Basically, the objectives of the Essex  
17 Review were to improve the ability of the operators by  
18 information that was provided to the operators; identify  
19 control room designs that were discrepant, and that was  
20 in accordance with NRC guidelines and also through  
21 compensations with the operators; identify ways to  
22 improve labeling, mimics, and demarcation lines;  
23 prioritize the discrepancies that they found; identify  
24 the corrective actions that they thought were appropriate;  
25 and then of course implement corrective action schedules.

1                   Something that we took upon ourselves to  
2 assist the Essex Corporation, since the control room was  
3 still under construction, and there was quite a bit of  
4 construction going on at that time, we proceeded to build  
5 a full scale mockup form, and put it up in our training  
6 building. So they were able to make full use of the  
7 full scale mockup in the control room; the design drawings;  
8 system descriptions; and they conducted extensive personal  
9 interviews, as I said, with the operators and various  
10 people in the plant. And then of course they spent quite  
11 a bit of time in the control room itself.

12                   The evaluation that they performed consisted  
13 of hardware; workspace; labeling and demarcation lines;  
14 mimics; annunciators; the control display relationships.

15                   The results of that review were that they  
16 commented that we had made extensive use of mimics; we  
17 had good functional grouping of systems; we had good  
18 ECCS separation; and that we did make good use of  
19 computer operated guides.

20                   Some of the major areas they identified as  
21 discrepant were annunciator ringback; demarcation lines;  
22 reflash; tolerance zones; flow arrows; alarm localization;  
23 labeling; annunciator prioritization; some problems on  
24 the 807 panel, like the benchboard; guards on critical  
25 switches; and readability on vital indicators on the 680

1 panel, the main control console.

2           These items, these discrepancies are  
3 identified in the Essex Report Review; we prioritized  
4 them 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. We submitted this to the NRC in  
5 December, December 29th, 1980.

6           The NRC review, the control room was  
7 conducted June 8th through June 12th of this year.  
8 Their evaluation was based upon the report that we had  
9 submitted them, submitted to them. Control room layout;  
10 the adequacy of the information that they thought was  
11 provided to the operators; the arrangement and  
12 identification of controls and instrumentation; the  
13 usefulness of audio and visual alarms information; and  
14 recall capabilities of the lighting.

15           We spent one week evaluating, looking at  
16 control panels, talking to the operators; observing of  
17 video tape in the walkthrough emergency procedures that  
18 the operation superintendent addressed earlier.

19           On July 2nd of this year, we received the  
20 preliminary findings of the NRC; we held a meeting with  
21 them on July 16th to discuss the discrepancies, corrective  
22 actions, and implementation schedules; and the final  
23 report was submitted August the 7th, 1981.

24           As a result of the meetings and discussions  
25 that we had with NRC, their review, the open items that



1 still remain in the SER. First off, 6 items could not be  
2 evaluated by the NRC because of the status of construction.

3 That's control room and remote shutdown  
4 room environments; the NSSS monitoring equipment, which  
5 is the N triple S computer system was not functional at  
6 the time; communications equipment was not all in;  
7 storage, adequacy, and availability of emergency equipment  
8 had not been located at that time; the availability of  
9 procedures and reference material; and we had not quite  
10 completed the installation of all of our label and  
11 location aids.

12 So we will submit a report to the NRC prior  
13 to November the 1st on the status of those open items.  
14 We will go back and do the evaluation on the environment,  
15 lighting, etcetera.

16 Two unresolved items at this time, and  
17 that's the installation schedule for annunciator ringback.  
18 Are are actually pursuing installing that. And the other  
19 one is a problem with the recessed manual auto pushbutton  
20 on the Bailey controllers.

21 Now, we will submit a report to NRC prior  
22 to November 1st on it.

23 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Does the Staff  
24 have any comments on this?

25 MR. HOUSTON: It sounds like a pretty good

1 summary. We are of course awaiting the final resolution  
2 of some of the data.

3 MR. McCURDY: At the exit interview of the  
4 NRC, they told us that this was the best control room  
5 that they'd reviewed to date.

6 I almost forgot to say that.

7 (Laughter)

8 MR. McCURDY: Control room designed to permit  
9 effective and efficient operator actions; the four level  
10 annunciator prioritization scheme; they like the steep  
11 sloping of the control panels; the visual displays are  
12 mounted in the primary viewing area; the new labeling and  
13 demarcation system works very well; they like our  
14 labeling -- tested labeling; and the computer system is  
15 designed to provide effective operator interaction.

16 I can show you some examples of the video  
17 guides that we do have, if you desire to see them.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Look, I just want  
19 to ask a general question. You know the MI2 brought up  
20 some important aspects of reactor design. Prior to that  
21 time, and I'm not really sure of what it exists to this  
22 day. I could say 279, that identified only automatic  
23 control apparatus, being part of the station, etcetera.  
24 And the poor operator was forced to deal with non-safety  
25 grade visual input, and was expected to perform safety

1 functions with less than qualified input themselves.

2 TMI2 brought forth the realization that the  
3 operator was limited to part of the safety process, and  
4 they needed to feed him appropriate information concerning  
5 the questions of reliability, redundancy, diversity,  
6 confirmatory information that tells him what he should  
7 do, and gives him an option to back out if he had done  
8 the wrong thing.

9 To this extent, can you just comment briefly  
10 on how you have implemented the safety grade concept,  
11 visual information, in the case of the operator?

12 MR. McCURDY: Well, the visual display is  
13 required to allow the operators to safely shut the plant  
14 down and maintain it in a safety analysis, or by the  
15 form of P601 panel, which is the easiest he has. So  
16 we do have safety related, safety grade displays, such  
17 as for example wide range.

18 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: That wouldn't  
19 include annunciation equipment, would it?

20 MR. McCURDY: No, it would not.

21 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: So you do have  
22 process equipment, though, which is safety graded?

23 MR. McCURDY: That's correct.

24 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Do you have  
25 diverse ways of confirming the signals, to get the

1 signals? Or do you have several other signals to confirm  
2 the distance, right?

3 MR. McCURDY: You're looking for validation?

4 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Validation, right.

5 MR. McCURDY: There are several ways,  
6 depending on the signal. For example, if you're looking  
7 for validation in a safety relief valve as listed, the  
8 operator in the control room has several ways of  
9 validating that. He can look at the suppression pool  
10 temperature; he has already installed in the tail pipe.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: And pressure?

12 MR. McCURDY: And pressure.

13 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: So you have an  
14 endeavor, then, to upgrade the operator now?

15 MR. McCURDY: That is correct.

16 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I think that is  
17 an excellent presentation. I have no further questions.  
18 Have you?

19 A VOICE: No. I think his priorities 1  
20 through 5 were helpful to address the singular aspects  
21 of this.

22 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Thank you. Are  
23 there topics that we haven't covered yet?

24 MR. McGAUGHY: One topic, the Toxic Gas.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Toxic Gas, right.

1 Go on ahead with that.

2 S. H. HOBBS

3 MR. HOBBS: My name is Sam Hobbs. I'm  
4 Supervisor of Safety for Mississippi Power and Light.

5 Before starting on Toxic Gas, there were  
6 two questions that were asked last night on RSSMAP.

7 The first of those was improving the  
8 probability by going to the Atlas 3A  
9 alternates.

10 The analysis which I thought was available  
11 has not been done, so I do not know the improvement  
12 in core melt probability.

13 The other question concerned the improvements  
14 in making a change from a steam driven high pressure  
15 core injection system to a motor driven high pressure  
16 core spray system; and the best calculations which have been  
17 done to date on motor driven high-pressure core spray  
18 systems will indicate an availability of between 97 and  
19 98%.

20 The best experimental valve which has been done  
21 in studies on the steam driven high pressure core  
22 injection systems would indicate an availability of  
23 around 93%. When you make the transfer to unavailability,  
24 that represents a factor of three improvements.

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1 We were informed by the Staff  
2 of a probability study of the possibility of amonia spills  
3 you have on the river near the plant or to install  
4 detectors to control their influx ~~and~~ **automatically**  
5 **isolate the control room.** .

6 Our first step in doing evaluation probability  
7 was to do a survey for amonia spills recently, in the  
8 recent completed data that was available for a 5 year  
9 period on the Mississippi River and **its tributaries, and**  
10 there were three amonia releases.

11 Two of those released were uncontrolled  
12 releases that occurred from unloading and loading  
13 facilities.

14 One was a controlled release which occurred  
15 after a barge ran aground and had to lighten itself to  
16 get free. That release was **made over** about a 2 day  
17 period of no release to the atmôsphere to the valley  
18 seen by **water quality examiners.**

19 On that basis, we basically did not have any  
20 doubt to proceed directly with non-spill probabilities.  
21 And the manner in which we proceeded was to go out and  
22 investigate the serious barge accidents which have  
23 occurred on the Mississippi River **rather than well construc-**  
24 **tion.** And we investigated the region of the River  
25 from Baton Rouge to Cairo, Illinois. The region below

1 there and the region in the immediate vicinity of Cairo  
2 had a large number of accidents because of the confluence  
3 of rivers upstream, and because of the very high traffic  
4 density downstream to the mouth of the river.

5 In 726 miles stretch of river between those  
6 two points, however, there were 10 accidents in a 5 year  
7 period. These were serious accidents; serious enough to  
8 be able to possibly cause amonia release.

9 The second thing that we did was to evaluate  
10 the amount of amonia traffic near the plant, compared to  
11 the amount of total traffic near the plant.

12 Around 200 barges per day come past the  
13 plant, and about one and a half of those, or below one  
14 and a half are amonia barges. And multiplying those two  
15 terms together, we consider, we considered them a portion  
16 of the river for which there might be a possibility of  
17 having an amonia spill as an end result at 3 points, and  
18 the result was a block along the river, the only region  
19 that we believe that is relevant is about one-half mile  
20 upstream and about one-half mile downstream of the region  
21 where the plant access road penetrates, - . -

22 - - - and the probability of the wind  
23 blowing in the right directions causes to happen, once you  
24 have an accident in that region, it's about 8%.

25 The results of this calculation would

1 indicate that the probability of a serious barge accident,  
2 which could conceivably affect the plant's  
3 ammonia spill is around 1.8 times  $10^{-6}$ .

4 Now, this is a very conservative calculation.  
5 The fact is that this stretch of the river is quite safe.

6 The kinds of navigational hazards which might  
7 normally contribute to accidents on the river; blind bends;  
8 rock outcroppings; a hard bottom for barges to run  
9 aground; unusual currents; sandbars; narrow river; either  
10 loading or unloading facilities and bridges; do not exist  
11 anywhere near this part of the river.

12 In addition, the construction of ammonia  
13 tanks which are transported on the barges, meet the  
14 Department of Transportation Regulations, which are quite  
15 stringent.

16 So that the ammonia barge being in a serious  
17 accident, would then become a candidate spill. But in  
18 fact our evidence has not indicated that there were not  
19 any uncontrolled releases. This is a relatively small  
20 sample.

21 We have concluded on the basis of this  
22 calculation that we do not need ammonia detectors.

23 That concludes my presentation. Do you have  
24 any questions?

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I have no



1 questions.

2 I believe the Staff has the response that  
3 you have to make here, referring to the local document  
4 room, the IE documents on public events? Do you have  
5 that?

6 MR. HOUSTON: Yes, that's right.

7 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: We'll have that  
8 at this time.

9 MR. HOUSTON: We want to make just a couple  
10 of brief statements on those items, and Al Wagner, the  
11 Resident Inspector here, will do that.

12 MR. WAGNER: My name is Al Wagner, with  
13 NRC Staff. I would like to respond to the two items that  
14 were left outstanding yesterday for the Staff.

15 Based on information in our records in  
16 Atlanta, and information from our Public Affairs. First  
17 of all, the Public Document Room.

18 We were aware of the problem with the  
19 condition of the Public Document Room and its previous  
20 locations, and approximately 3 weeks ago they completed  
21 a move, relocating the Public Document Room to the Hinds  
22 Junior College Library in Raymond, Mississippi.

23 The documents and records that had accumulated  
24 in the Courthouse in Port Gibson were shipped to the  
5 Headquarters of Staff, audited the records, and the

1 records were relocated to the Hinds Junior College Library,  
2 and a member of the Staff has come down and looked at the  
3 installation of the records; there's one outstanding  
4 problem, and that's with the Final Safety Analysis Report  
5 at present does not contain all the up to date amendments.

6 It's our understanding that these amendments  
7 will be supplied and put in place by January of 1982.

8 The Staff is presently looking into contracts  
9 to have a private organization keep the public document  
10 room up to date.

11 They have provided, or will soon provide in  
12 the Federal Register a toll free number for anybody who  
13 has any suggestions or comments or complaints concerning  
14 any documents or availability of any documents

15 (inaudible comment)

16 At present the number of 1-800-638-8031.

17 The other issue that I want to discuss is  
18 inspections that were done there to the tornado. The  
19 Staff from Atlanta came over here with some consultants  
20 for meteorological investigation of the tornado and the  
21 damage that was caused; and it was there conclusion that  
22 there was no damage caused directly from the tornado;  
23 that there was some damage due to some falling of some  
24 cranes that were used for construction at the site.

25 There were several subsequent inspections

1 in which the Staff looked at the Applicant's corrective  
2 action for replacing damaged liner plate, and minor  
3 damage to other equipment.

4 It's our conclusion that the corrective  
5 actions taken were adequate. We consider the matter  
6 resolved, and it is not carried as an outstanding item  
7 for the Staff Open Letters File.

8 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: That is all you  
9 have?

10 MR. WAGNER: Yes, sir.

11 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: A couple of other  
12 matters here. I received a comment from a member of the  
13 public that in the emergency procedures process, that  
14 only FM stations are put on the network to advise of the  
15 presence of an accident. Is that a fact?

16 MR. McGAUGHY: No, sir, that's not a fact.  
17 We intentionally chose one FM and one AM. KNOE is the  
18 name of the station.

19 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I know it's  
20 almost guaranteed a trip on TV anyway.

21 McGAUGHY: Yes, sir, the news is on both of  
22 those 24 hours stations, and also the news would be  
23 released through all the radio and TV stations, as well  
24 as information to the public.

25 ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: Thank you. One

1 other final technical comment. We know you are using  
 2 solid state equipment here, and I want to just comment on  
 3 the fire damage -- the fire protection problem.

4 We have seen other applicants, and I am not  
 5 sure what you have here, but you can talk to us about it  
 6 later. But many applicants depend on isolation of fire  
 7 effects by fusible lanes and damper systems.

8 Those lanes in general can be reverted and  
 9 protective in preventing temperatures to be -- and full  
 10 parking on the accesses that you expect the solid state  
 11 equipment to operate.

12 In think therefore that we would like to see  
 13 you investigate it if you have any of those in your

14 panel to block off any effects of fire from  
 15 critical instrumentation and equipment. You need  
 16 something besides fusible lanes; something that you will  
 17 operate on another basis or lower temperature, or  
 18 whatever. We can no longer depend on fusible lanes when  
 19 we are dealing with solid state equipment off in distant  
 20 rooms.

21 We get them, it's a distant effect from the  
 22 fire.

23 I have no further questions here. Does  
 24 anyone else want to raise any questions?

25 A VOICE: None that I know.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN EBERSOLE: I want to make an observation here. I have been hired by the Chairman to tell you what we now expect to do.

We expect that we will see you in October at a Full Committee Meeting. On the other hand, I don't know if we will be ready at that time to give you a complete decision on your operation.

I would probably think that maybe full level power testing, or something like this, might be brought up and analyzed. In any case, we will give you new Agenda at the time here to bring up that.

John Kimberly will contact all of us here, and we will very shortly put together an Agenda for your appearance in Washington at the October Meeting.

I want to thank all of you for a very good turnout and a very fine presentation. The meeting is closed.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.).

