

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION II

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Licensee: Mississippi Power and Light Company

Jackson, MS

Facility Name: Grand Gulf 1

Docket No. 50-416

License No. NPF-13

Meeting at MP&L Corporate Office, Jackson, MS

Date: July 26, 1982

Approved by: K.C. Lewis, Director

Division of Project and Resident Programs

SUMMARY

A meeting was held on July 26, 1982, to discuss the function of the Corporate Safety Review Committee (SRC) during initial plant operations and the role of the advisor to the plant manager.

DETAILS

1. Persons Contacted

Licensee Employees

N. L. Stampley, Senior Vice President

J. P. McGaughy, Assistant Vice President (SRC) T. E. Reeves, Manager Quality Assurance (SRC)

C. K. McCoy, Plant Manager (SRC)

L. F. Dale, Manager Nuclear Service (SRC)

J. D. Richardson, Manager of Safety and Licensing (Secretary SRC)

L. R. McKay, Corporate Health Physics (Alternate SRC)

J. B. Richard, Middle South Utilities (SRC)

C. W. Angle, Nuclear Plant Engineering Operating Analysis Section Manager (SRC)

B. C. Flynn, Professor, Memphis State University (SRC-Temporary Alternate)

J. M. Hendric, Consultant (SRC)

J. Groves, Advisor to the Assistant Vice President (SRC) J. F. Pinto, Manager, Nuclear Plant Engineering (SRC)

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J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator

F. S. Cantrell, Chief, Reactor Project Section 1B, PRP

R. A. Benedict, Senior Reviewer, Human Factors Branch, NRR

2. The Regional Administrator discussed NRC concerns relating to the operation of the Grand Gulf 1 nuclear station and discussed the role of the SRC in its operation. NRC concerns involved staffing losses; an increase in the use of consultants; the amount of overtime needed to maintain schedule and meet commitments; the number of problems identified with procedures and the need to develop discipline in the use of procedures; and problems in obtaining a realistic schedule for plant testing and the need for the NRC to obtain prompt and accurate information on events that occur at the plant. Descriptions of SRC required activities do not address a major responsibility of the SRC, i.e. "Is the overall control system working as intended and are there potential problems that are not being addressed." What action should be taken as a result of this "overview"? The SRC may be so involved in reviewing individual issues that they fail to detect significant adverse trends. It was stated that the NRC would place major emphasis on the initial operation of Grand Gulf 1 and that special inspections would be performed to evaluate Grand Gulf's readiness for power ascention testing above 5% power and 50% power.

In a separate meeting with senior MP&L personnel, the Administrator reviewed his discussion with the SRC and acknowledged the broad experience and the beneficial effects or additions made to the SRC, but expressed concern with the turnover of outside members of the SRC.

The Senior MP&L representative stated that MP&L had recognized most of the problems discussed today and was taking action to stabilize the staff and to effect a solution to the problem.