

NUCLEAR PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2 Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-417 File 0260/0756/L-800.0 Emergency Procedures -Containment Venting AECM-82/276

Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) has been requested by your staff to submit a change to the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Emergency Procedures, specifically Procedure 05-S-01-EP-9 ("RPV Flooding"). This procedure addresses the venting of the primary containment at the design pressure of 15 psig and does not take into account the effects on containment ultimate capacity. The ultimate capacity evaluation has shown that the lower bound for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station is 62 psig (AECM-81/221, dated June 19, 1981) and in light of that information MP&L is changing Step 3.5 to read:

If containment pressure exceeds 50 psig, vent the containment per (04-S-01-M51-1) to reduce pressure below 15 psig.

In addition to the above actions, it is our understanding that the NRC intends to address this subject on a generic basis with the BWROG in the near future. MP&L will evaluate any results that are achieved from the generic efforts and will initiate action on an as-needed basis, depending upon its applicability, schedule impact, cost benefit, etc.

MP&L believes this information should be sufficient to permit completion of the interim evaluation of the Hydrogen Ignition System.

Yours truly,

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