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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attention: Document Control Desk
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Gentlemen:

Subject: NPPD Response to Inspection Report 50-298/93-24

This letter is written in response to your letter dated January 7, 1994, transmitting Inspection Report 50-298/93-24. Therein you identified one (1) weakness in our emergency preparedness program observed during the 1993 annual emergency exercise. The attachment to this letter contains a description of our corrective measures for this weakness and our schedule for its completion.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

G. R. Horn
Vice President - Nuclear

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Attachment

cc: Regional Administrator
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Statement of Weakness (50-298/9324-01)

During the exercise, an in-plant repair team member was dispatched from the Operational Support Center (OSC) and contained a person who was not respirator qualified, as required, because the individual's respirator fit test certification had expired. The individual was a maintenance worker assigned to Team 5. This team was dispatched at 10:04 a.m. and was tasked with controlling the radwaste resin spill. During this time period, radiological conditions in the area were elevated and unstable and the potential existed for airborne radioactivity to exist.

Training Program Description (TPD) 0415, "Respiratory Protection," describes the licensee's requirements for the qualifications of personnel who could be required to wear respiratory protection. This TPD references Training Program Description 0602, "Operational Support Center Personnel", which requires that Operational Support Center team maintenance and operator personnel and other crafts be respirator qualified. The failure to ensure that a response team member was qualified for respiratory protection as specified in the licensee's program requirements was identified as an exercise weakness.

Planned Corrective Action

The procedure defining the requirements for team dispatch, EPIP 5.7.15, Repair/Re-entry or Rescue, was inadequate in that it did not stipulate the requirement for all repair/re-entry or rescue team members to be respirator qualified. As a result, a team member was inadvertently dispatched into the plant who was not respirator qualified. EPIP 5.7.15 will be revised to ensure the respirator qualification requirement is included in the procedure. The specific training requirements for all Emergency Response personnel has been identified, and will be monitored by Emergency Preparedness personnel to ensure the necessary qualifications are being maintained. In addition, the OSC Supervisor will be trained in the requirement to ensure all team personnel are respirator qualified prior to being dispatched.

Schedule of Implementation

The EPIP revision and training discussed above will be completed by April 1994.