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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

ATTENTION: Document Control Desk

SUBJECT: Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
Unit Nos. 1 & 2; Docket Nos. 50-317 & 50-318
Response to Generic Letter 90-03, Relaxation of Staff Position in Generic
Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2 "Vendor Interface for Safety-Related
Components" TACs 76218 and 76219

REFERENCE: (a) Letter from Mr. J. G. Partlow (NRC) to All Reactor Power Licensees
dated March 20, 1990, same subject

Gentlemen:

The original Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff position requested licensees to "establish, implement, and maintain a continuing program to ensure that vendor information for safety-related components is complete current and controlled . . ." This position further requested formal periodic communication with every safety related vendor to verify that all applicable information had been received. The industry response has been that the intent of Generic Letter 83-28, Item 2.2 Part 2 is met by the Vendor Equipment Technical Information Program (VETIP) described in the Nuclear Utility Task Action Committee (NUTAC) Report, INPO 84-010 issued in March 1984.

The NRC staff has reviewed the VETIP and "recognized that implementing a formal vendor interface program for every safety-related vendor is not practical." The NRC staff has concluded "that the elements of the VETIP provide a framework to improve the quality and availability of equipment technical information for use by licensees." Further, the NRC staff has concluded that an adequate vendor interface program should include the following elements:

- (a) A program with the NSSS vendor as described in the VETIP, which covers all the safety-related components within the NSSS scope of supply. This program should include provisions for assuring receipt by the licensee/applicant of all technical information provided by the NSSS vendor; and

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- (b) A program of periodic contact with the vendors of other key safety-related components not included in (a) above. This program is not intended to be as extensive as that described in (a) above but is intended to be a good faith, documented effort.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Licensees should confirm the following:

1. They have examined their vendor interface programs.
2. Their programs either already include elements (a) and (b) or the elements have been scheduled for implementation.

BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (BG&E) RESPONSE:

1. The Vendor Interface Program at Calvert Cliffs has been reexamined since receipt of Generic Letter 90-03.
2. The Vendor Interface Program at Calvert Cliffs is addressed by Calvert Cliffs Instruction (CCI) -122, Control of Technical Manuals and other Vendor Technical Information. In addition, the VETIP includes Nuclear Plant Reliability Data Systems (NPRDS) and Significant Event Evaluation and Information Network (SEE-IN), which are managed by INPO.

A formal program, as described in the VETIP, is established with the NSSS Vendor, Combustion Engineering (CE), which covers the safety related components they directly supply. CE Information Bulletins are sent directly to the Document Control Unit (DCU) from Combustion Engineering.

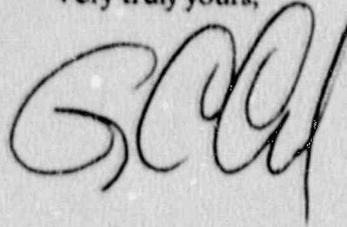
A program is established with six key vendors

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| - Byron Jackson | - General Electric |
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which includes periodic documented contact to ensure current technical information is included in the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Technical Manual Program.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours,



STATE OF MARYLAND :

County of Calvert : TO WIT :

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of September, 1990, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland in and for Calvert County, personally appeared George C. Creel, being duly sworn, and states that he is Vice President of the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, a corporation of the State of Maryland; that he provides the foregoing response for the purposes therein set forth; that the statements made are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief; and that he was authorized to provide the response on behalf of said Corporation.

WITNESS my Hand and Notarial Seal:

Wanda L. McCready
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

January 1, 1994
Date

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