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Licensee report of violation of Technical Specification, Section 6.2.f.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have to inform you that the Reactor Operations Committee(ROC) for the UCI Nuclear Reactor Facility failed to meet in the period June 24th 1993 to December 17th, 1993, in violation of the requirements in the Technical Specifications that the Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

Thus the summer quarter was missed. In 1993 there were three regular meetings (February 24th, June 24th, and December 17th). Meetings were also held on 12/17/92 (regular), 1/27/93 (Emergency Planning Group), and 2/18/93 (Exit meeting with NRC Inspection Team).

The reasons were connected with lack of urgent business, heavy staff teaching loads, and busy schedules of committee members.

It is important to emphasize that continual surveillance on behalf of the ROC is maintained by the personnel of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, who routinely review both performance and records at the facility involving not only safety matters, but also operations and general maintenance. The results of their reviews are given to the Reactor Supervisor on a number of occasions and result in small corrective actions. The Committee is satisfied that the facility has continued to operate with proper regard for the health and safety of the public in spite of the absence of a formal meeting, and no hazard has resulted, nor has the likelihood of hazard been increased.

The NRC review team commented that the type of operations conducted at UCI throughout the reactor's history - namely radiochemical sample irradiation, and not nuclear engineering training or testing - have meant that there has been very limited need for committee business in terms of review of new experiments, new operators, plans for changes, etc., and thus a less frequent required meeting schedule would seem appropriate. Thus amendment will be requested for the Technical Specification Section regarding this requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "George E. Miller".

George E. Miller  
Reactor Supervisor

cc: Reactor Operations Committee members

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