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BRUNSWICK UNIT 2 - COOLANT ACTIVITY LIMITS

It has been brought to our attention that the present technical specifications for the Brunswick Unit 2 plant allow the equilibrium coolant activity to be as high as 6.2 μ Ci/gram I-131 Equivalent and 62. μ Ci/gram during 48-hour spike periods. We estimate that these limits may result in offsite doses in excess of 10 CFR Part 100 guidelines following a postulated main steam line failure outside containment (see Enclosure 1).

We recommend that the Brunswick Unit 2 coolant activity limits be changed to conform with the Standard Technical Specifications (0.2 and 4.0 µCi/gram of I-131 Equivalent, respectively) at the same time that Unit 1 reverts to the Standard Technical Specifications or at the next Unit 2 refueling outage, whichever comes first. These limits would result in appropriately low doses (5 rem and 100 rem) for a postulated steam line failure accident but should not represent a hardship to the facility since it has so far operated below these limits (see Enclosure 2).

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ENCLOSURE 1

BRUNSWICK UNIT 2 - STEAM LINE FAILURE ACCIDENT

Assumptions:

- 140,000 lb of reactor coolant instantaneously released to the environment. (SRP 15.6.4)
- 2. $X/Q = 7.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ sec/m}^3$ at 914 meters for an elevated release with fumigation (Regulatory Guide 1.5) and corrected for a wind speed of 0.5 m/sec.

Thyroid Doses:

- 1. With Coolant Concentration
 - = 6.2 µCi/gram I-131 Equivalent

- 150 rem

- 2. With Coolant Concentration
 - = 62. µCi/gram I-131 Equivalent

- 1500 rem

ENCLOSURE 2

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN C. TRAMMELL, CRPM, AND BRUNSWICK UNIT 2 PERSONNEL ON JULY 2, 1976

Average operating I-131 Coolant Activity

- 10⁻⁴ µCi/cc

June 22 Primary Coolant Activity measurement:

I-131 2.17 x 10⁻⁶ µCi/cc

I-133 1.79 x 10⁻⁴ µCi/cc

June 24 Primary Coolant Activity measurement:

I-131 3.54 x 10⁻⁶ μCi/ce

I-133 5. $\times 10^{-5} \mu \text{Ci/cc}$