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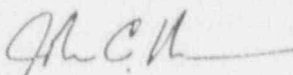
Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq., as supplemented by the NRC's implementing regulations, 10 C.F.R. § 9.11 et seq., we hereby request that you produce for inspection and copying the full text of the report of which the two attached pages are a part. The report, which concerns an evaluation of the Peach Bottom station, was likely prepared in the second half of 1978 by the NRC's Region I office.

We look forward to your response within the time limits set forth in the regulations. Also, please be advised that we agree to pay whatever charges are incurred by the NRC in processing this request. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

  
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Docket No.: 80-277

Site: Peach Bottom

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Answers to Question 17 (If a change to safety level occurred, please describe it briefly):

Plant radiation levels have been increasing with time. Design and staffing of plant appear to have not been capable of handling this change. Management has been slow to take large step changes to correct problems.

Back to back overhaul/upkeep periods for units 2 & 3 appear to have produced a tired operating group prone to error.

Careless operations and poor maintenance.

Corrective action taken to repair core spray line cracks, feedwater spargers and nozzles and control rod drive return nozzle.

Licensee made significant effort to reduce routine radioactive release from reactor building vents through equipment repairs.

Answers to Question 18 (Are there other things we should consider about the safety of this plant?):

See question 19 and 28.

QA program not upgraded to current standards. Security not upgraded. Many repeat items of noncompliance. Least safe site in Region 31. Poorest management!

Quality of people (i.e., technical educational level) that are operating a plant and the type of organizational structure they are placed in can have a significant impact on safety.

Higher number of inspections due to proximity to regional office.

Recent management meeting with the President - expect to determine by scheduled inspections in the next 30 days if significant improvements were made.

Plant management exhibits an appearance of attempting to "control" NRC inspector access thru continual escort - general attitude appears to be one of compliance as required instead of an aggressive prosecution of management controls.

The problem with this plant is that it is a big B&R - by definition, they will have problems unless they have a good op. staff. PB does.

Upgrading of requirements upon this licensee, particularly in cases of security and QA.