



footnote 4, Gallagher memo

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION III
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March 5, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Harold D. Thornburg, Director, Division of Reactor Operations
Inspection, IE

FROM: James G. Keppler, Director

SUBJECT: MIDLAND SOIL SETTLEMENT

Enclosed is a memorandum from Mr. Gallagher, Region III Inspector, concerning the soil settlement problem at Midland. This memorandum should be forwarded to appropriate ASLB members once the Board has been appointed.

Our inspector is of the view that further construction should not be permitted until a technical review of the problem by NRC has been completed. We recognize that the licensee is proceeding at its own risk pending completion of the Hearing; however, we are concerned that the actual Hearing may not be conducted for several months. Prolonging this issue is neither in the best interest of the NRC or the licensee. We suggest, therefore, that a memorandum be sent to the Commission encouraging that they expedite the Hearing.

If you desire additional information concerning this matter, please let me know.

James W. Ray
James G. Keppler
Director

Enclosure:
Memo from E. J. Gallagher to
G. Fiorelli, dtd 1/21/80

cc w/o enclosure:
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