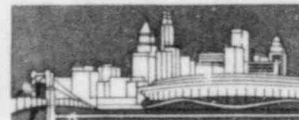


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Docket No. 50-358

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Attention: Mr. J.G. Keppler
Regional Administrator

Gentlemen:

RE: WM. H. ZIMMER NUCLEAR POWER STATION - UNIT 1
10CFR50.55(e), ITEM M-87 DESIGN CONTROL PROCESS
INADEQUATE TO ASSURE DESIGN OUTPUT DOCUMENTS
CONTAIN ADEQUATE ERECTION AND INSPECTION CRITERIA
W.O. 57300, JOB E-5590, FILE NO. 9560, M-87

The subject condition was initially reported to the Commission as a potentially reportable deficiency on May 13, 1983, pending completion of an engineering evaluation to determine its significance. Based on our telephone conversation with D. Hunter, we have requested an extension for our response until June 16, 1983.

The subject condition was identified in NUREG-0969, "Report of the NRC Evaluation Team on the Quality of Construction at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station" (April 1983). Section 2.5 of NUREG-0969, entitled Evaluation of Sargent & Lundy Design Practices, identified concerns regarding Sargent & Lundy (S&L) design drawings and specifications.

CG&E has determined that the subject condition is not reportable under the requirements of 10CFR50.55(e) because the subject regulation reads "If the permit is for construction of a nuclear power plant, the holder of the permit shall notify the Commission of each deficiency found in design and construction, which, were it to have remained uncorrected, could have affected adversely the safety of operations of the nuclear power plant anytime throughout the expected life time of the plant,..."

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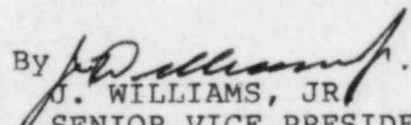
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The subject NRC NUREG-0969 Section 2.5, did not identify any deficiency in design or construction which, were it to have remained uncorrected, could have affected adversely the safety of operations of the plant. Furthermore, the NUREG itself states "Taken individually, each concern may appear to be of minor significance." This supports our determination that none of the identified items meets the requirements of 50.55(e) reportability. However, CG&E is taking steps to verify the overall quality of the S&L design process.

Our investigation to date does not reveal any items not already reported. We are now conducting a more detailed investigation into the specific items mentioned in the NET Report. If this investigation should identify items which meet the 10CFR50.55(e) reporting criteria, they will be reported.

Very truly yours,

THE CINCINNATI GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

By 
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