

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I

Report No. 50-334/83-16 (Enforcement Conference)

Docket No. 50-334

License No. DPR-66

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Category C

Licensee: Duquesne Light Company

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Facility Name: Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit 1

Meeting at: USNRC, Region I, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Meeting Conducted: September 1, 1983

NRC Personnel: R.L. Nurny for
M. McBride, Radiation Specialist

9/15/83
date signed

Approved by: R.L. Nurny for
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Meeting Summary:

An Enforcement Conference was convened by NRC Region I to discuss the findings of Region I Inspection No. 50-334/83-16 regarding the licensee's Radiation Protection Program. Senior management personnel from Duquesne Light Company and from Region I attended this two-hour meeting at the Region I office.

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DETAILS

1. Attendees

Duquesne Light Company

J. Carey, Vice President, Nuclear Division
J. Sieber, Manager, Nuclear Safety and Licensing
T. Jones, Manager, Nuclear Operations
J. Kosmal, Radcon Operations Coordinator

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J. Allan, Deputy Regional Administrator
T. Martin, Director, Division of Engineering and Technical Programs
R. Bellamy, Chief, Radiological Protection Branch
R. Keimig, Chief, Projects Branch No. 2
M. Shanbaky, Chief, Facilities Radiation Protection Section
L. Tripp, Chief, Reactor Projects Section 2A
J. Gutierrez, Regional Attorney
M. McBride, Radiation Specialist
D. Holody, Enforcement Specialist

2. Discussion

The meeting began with an NRC synopsis of events, perceptions, inspection activities, and findings associated with the August 4, 1983, entry into a cubicle in the solid waste disposal area of the Primary Auxiliary Building which caused an unplanned radiation exposure of 1.7 rems to one individual. The licensee outlined the internal assessment of the August 4 incident and answered questions from the NRC staff. The licensee's evaluations of the following areas of the Radiation Protection Program were discussed during the meeting: 1) the actions of Radiological Controls personnel during the cubicle entry on August 4; 2) the apparent use of an untimely survey of the radiation hazards for the August 4 cubicle entry; 3) the responsibility of all workers to maintain adequate radiation safety practices during work activities; and 4) the adequacy of communication between Radiological Controls management and other plant groups.

The licensee stated that the corrective actions outlined in Inspection Report 50-334/83-16 had been nearly completed, including retraining of radiological controls staff. The remaining actions, planned retraining of plant operations and maintenance personnel, are expected to be completed in the near future.

The general enforcement options available to NRC for the findings in Inspection Report 50-334/83-16 were discussed.

Regional management concluded by stating that while further NRC review and correspondence will occur, the licensee should proceed with its analyses and corrective actions without waiting for additional NRC actions.