



UNITED STATES
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Docket Nos. 50-325
and 50-324

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Dear Mr. Watson:

SUBJECT: MASONRY BLOCK WALLS AT BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT,
UNITS 1 AND 2

This letter confirms the discussion held with you and representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region II Office on April 8, 1992, regarding your activities to resolve the concerns raised about masonry block walls at the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2. We understand that you are developing plans to resolve the bolting deficiencies of the masonry block walls in the diesel generator building and to investigate the extent of these deficiencies in the rest of the plant. As discussed with you in the telephone conference, we request that you provide to the staff next week (the week of April 13, 1992) written documentation of the following aspects of your evaluation.

1. Describe your corrective actions and evaluation criteria used in determining the acceptability of the diesel generator building masonry walls.
2. Describe the CP&L plan and schedule for evaluating the status of other walls and equipment to assure compliance with the licensing basis. If criteria different from those in the design basis are used to determine the acceptability of masonry walls or equipment for service, please provide those criteria.
3. Describe your justification for continued operation while you conduct your evaluation of the remaining masonry walls.

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4. Describe the root causes of the identified deficiencies, e.g., weaknesses in contractor oversight and weaknesses in quality assurance and quality control. Also, explain why CP&L failed to identify and correct these deficiencies when the corrective actions for Bulletin 80-11 were implemented.

When we receive your written response to the above items, we will schedule a meeting at our White Flint Office for a follow-up discussion of these issues. agenda for the meeting will be prepared.

Sincerely,

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