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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20588-0001

November 22, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~Director~~ Hayes, Director
Office of Investigations

FROM: Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: CASE NO. 2-93-059/RII-93-A-0205 (NOTIFICATION OF INITIATION
OF INVESTIGATION OF BRUNSWICK NUCLEAR PLANT ALLEGED
MANAGEMENT COVERUP OF SHROUD CRACKING)

On October 14, 1993, the NRC received the enclosed petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 from Michael Kohn, for the National Whistleblower Center, and Charles Webb and Ron Shackelford, for the Coastal Alliance for a Safe Environment, requesting that the NRC take action with regard to Brunswick Steam Electric Plant (BSEP), Units 1 and 2, of the Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L). The petitioners also requested that the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) investigate potential criminal wrongdoing on the part of CP&L with regard to BSEP. Based upon the memorandum that James Y. Vorse sent to George R. Jenkins, on October 19, 1993, we understand that OI plans to investigate potential wrongdoing under Case No. 2-93-059/RII-93-A-0205.

In preparing a response to the petition, we will use the final report from your investigation. Accordingly, we request that your investigation include the following so that we will have a basis for responding to the specific requests made by the petitioners:

- (1) Initiate contact with the petitioner to determine if the petitioner has information relevant to this case.
- (2) Determine when shroud cracking was first discovered by the licensee and who had knowledge of such cracking.
- (3) Determine when shroud cracking was discussed with or reported to NRC.
- (4) Determine the extend of CP&L management involvement in not reporting shroud cracking to NRC on a timely basis.

The contact for this matter is Patrick Milano (504-1457).

Frank J. Muraglia
Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations

Enclosure:
Petition

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