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Docket No. 50-329/330

MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Keppler, Director, Region III

FROM: Harold D. Thornburg, Director  
Division of Reactor Construction Inspection, IE

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE LICENSING BOARD ON MIDLAND

Your memorandum dated April 20, 1979 recommended that a series of interim 50.55(e) reports on the diesel generator settlement problem (first reported to the Board on November 16, 1978) be sent to the Board. NRR has acted on the IE recommendation for Board notification in a negative sense. The enclosed memorandum from Vassallo to Christenbury, dated May 29, 1979, outlines the reasons for the denial.

The second item which we had recommended for Board notification, qualification of components, was also denied on the basis that the licensee was proceeding properly and problems of equipment not being able to qualify were not evident.

Of particular note in this NRR denial is the fact that they indicate once the issue has been identified there is no requirement that the staff provide the routine documentation on the resolution to the Board unless requested. The staff is expected to provide the results of the evaluation in the SER or its supplements, but not all the background unless requested.

If you have questions on this item, please contact us.

Harold D. Thornburg, Director  
Division of Reactor Construction  
Inspection

Enclosure:  
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