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Attention: Document Control Desk

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29
Groundwater Level Exceeds 109.0' MSL in Dewatering Well 8

GNRO-92/00001

Gentlemen:

Monthly groundwater level readings taken at dewatering well 8 (DW-8) on August 29, 1991 indicated a level of 109.9 feet mean sea level (MSL). Other measurements of groundwater level at DW-8 on September 27, 1991, October 1, 1991, and January 3, 1992 indicated levels of 109.0 feet MSL, 109.1 feet MSL, and 109.5 feet MSL respectively. DW-8 is located near the southeast corner of the Radwaste Building. These occurrences of groundwater level exceeding 109.0 feet MSL are being reported as requested by your letter dated August 19, 1985 (MAEC-85/0284).

The August 29 occurrence was caused by fouled dewatering well level probes which control operation of the pump. The September 27 and October 1 occurrences were caused by the pump's power supply circuit breaker being opened inadvertently when personnel deenergized some yard lighting via an adjacent breaker. The January 3 incident occurred as a result of sump pump motor failure.

Response to these events has increased the preventive maintenance (PM) program frequency for DW-8 to 2 month intervals. In addition, level setpoints on all dewatering wells will be verified as part of the PM program on dewatering well work tasks. Dewatering well circuit breakers have also been labeled. Future changes to the dewatering well program equipment may reinstate the previous PM program frequency.

An engineering study performed in 1985 concluded that groundwater levels up to 114.5 feet MSL would not impair the structural integrity of Unit 1 buildings as previously submitted by letter dated February 14, 1985 (AECM-85/0035).

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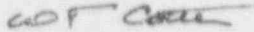
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A groundwater program is presently evaluating issues associated with high groundwater levels. A final report of the groundwater program is scheduled for issuance by April 30, 1992.

Yours truly,



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