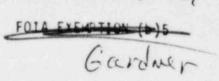


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August 9, 1982



MEMURANDUM FOR:

D. Okrent, Chairman, ACRS Subcommittee on Midland Plant

Units 1 & 2

FROM:

D. Fischer, Staff Engineer D Fischer

SUBJECT:

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MIDLAND PLANT UNITS 1 & 2 - MAY 20 & 21, 1982 -

MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

I have prepared the attached meeting summary for your review. Copies are being distributed to the other ACRS members and Subcommittee consultants for their information and comment. Corrections and additions will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

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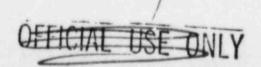
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PRUPUSED SUMMARY OF THE MAY 20 & 21, 1982 MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MIDLAND PLANT UNITS 1 & 2

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the meeting was to review the application of Consumers Power Company for a license to operate the Midland Plant Units 1 & 2.

PRINCIPAL ATTENDEES:

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, AGREEMENTS, AND REQUESTS:

- 1. Mr. R. Hernan (NRR/DL) provided the Subcommittee with a brief history of the Midland operating license (OL) review. He discussed each of the 16 remaining open items. Significant items which remain unresolved include:
 - a. the potential effects of using natural gas onsite for auxiliary heating of tertiary steam in evaporators,
 - b. ongoing soils remedial actions,
 - c. the need for a reactor vessel head vent, and
 - d. turbine missiles.

Mr. Hernan also summarized the various license conditions which are being imposed on the Applicant. For several of the open items and license conditions, Dr. Okrent questioned the NRC Staff on now it developed criteria to evaluate/resolve these issues. The Staff, on occasion, has relied on engineering judgment as opposed to probabilistic estimates in determining the adequacy of licensee-proposed fixes to safety-related issues.

2. Mr. W. Little from the NRC's Region III Staff described significant construction quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) experiences at the Midland plant. He also made an assessment of CPCo's construction management. While he indicated that the UA record at Midland has been below average as compared to other plants under construction, he expressed general satisfaction with the current QA program and organization. He said that recent special inspections have concluded that the quality-related problems at Midland were generally isolated or limited to a specific area and not indicative of major programmatic weaknesses in the implementation of their Quality Assurance program. Dr. Okrent asked the Staff what conditions would prompt the Staff to ensure that_ a more detailed review of the plant design and construction quality is conducted (e.g., past poor record related to quality assurance, large population near the site). Dr. Siess questioned the Staff on the purpose of a QA program and asked now the Staff measured the effectiveness of a QA program. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Little said that Region III believes that Midland construction management is staffed with competent people and that a program does exist such that the plant can be completed in accordance with design and regulatory requirements. Dr. Okrent questioned the Staff on the need for detailed audits to assure that plant quality is adequate. Mr. Tedesco (NRR/D/DL) said

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, AGREEMENTS, AND REQUESTS (CONT'D):

that the Staff is asking all near-term OL applicants to provide the Staff with an evaluation of why they believe that their plant has been designed and built in accordance with their application. He added that this would involve a thorough look at their whole QA program and the experiences that they have had during construction. The scope of these design re-verifications, and the need for an independent group to perform them, have not yet been deemed a requirement by the Staff. Recognizing that an independent design re-verification may be required, CPCo is currently having their architect-engineer, Bechtel, perform a design re-verification.

- 3. Dr. Charles Anderson, consultant to Midland citizens/intervenors, discussed cracks in the Midland Plant diesel generator building and service water pump structure. He demonstrated, using cardboard boxes, how these structures might have lost their rigidity. He stated that the buildings do not have their designed structural integrity because of the cracks which exist in their walls. He said that these cracks, which were caused by differential settlement, are numerous, quite long, and random in orientation. CPCo stated that they have evaluated the cracks and have determined that they have no effect on the integrity of the structure.
- 4. Ms. Barbara Stamiris suggested several documents which the Committee should review related to QA/QC at Midland. She indicated that CPCo was slow to correct deficiencies identified in the QA/QC area. She also said that the generic implications of QA/QC deficiencies was seldom addressed. Finally, Ms. Stamiris noted that the Staff lacked criteria for evaluating an applicant's QA/AC program. She indicated that this made it particularly difficult for an outside observer to determine the basis for a Staff judgment as to the adequacy of a applicant's QA/QC program or activities.
- 5. Ms. Mary Sinclair summarized the written statement she provided to the Subcommittee. She encouraged the Subcommittee to pursue the topics identified in the ACRS letter to the AEC on Midland's CP application. In addition, she commented on Midland's final environmental impact statement, evacuation plan, and radioactive waste disposal capabilities.
- 6. Mr. Robert Hamm, CPCo, described the ongoing human factors review of Midland's control room. He described the preliminary control room design review which was performed and outlined that review's findings. Control room enhancements resulting from the preliminary review were discussed. No enhancement was identified to correct the preliminary review deficiency that alarms are not prioritized. CPCo stated that this deficiency is still under review. Mr. Hamm next described the detailed task analysis of control room operator's functions which is ongoing. He related this to other human factors related activities at Midland.

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- 7. Mr. Hamm described CPCo's auxiliary shutdown panel. This panel provides those controls and indications necessary to maintain the plant in hot standby. It also provides some of the instrumentation and controls needed to bring the plant to cold shutdown.
- 8. Mr. Hamm outlined methods CPCo is using to detect inadequate core cooling. These methods include: a subcooling monitoring system, a hot leg level monitoring system, and 24 safety-grade, core-exit thermocouples. The highpoint vents for the Midland design will be off the top of the hot leg (CPCo proposes not to have a head vent). CPCo stated that a void in the reactor coolant system will not result in a loss of natural circulation. The potential for losing the plant's natural circulation capability was addressed. Methods to reduce the concentration of both condensable and non-condensable gases in the reactor coolant system were discussed. Dr. Okrent asked the Staff to discuss the instrumentation required to detect inadequate core cooling at the ACRS full Committee meeting.
- 9. Mr. J. Alderink, CPCo, outlined the basic system function of the process steam (evaporator) system and gave an overview of its operation. The system interfaces with Dow were highlighted (including communication interfaces). Mr. D. Sommers briefly described the radiation monitoring program associated with the evaporator system.
- 10. The Subcommittee members and consultants toured the Midland Plant site. Subcommittee members and consultants divided into several groups. One group took a general tour. Another group took an abbreviated general tour and, in addition, saw the chemistry and radiation monitoring facilities. A third group took an abbreviated general tour and, in addition, saw the areas/s_ructures requiring soils remedial actions.
- 11. Dr. T. Thiruvengadam, CPCo, presented a brief overview of the criteria to which the plant structures and equipment were built. He described the ground acceleration magnitude Midland's OBE and SSE, the design response spectra, damping coefficients, and CPCo's analysis methodology.
- 12. Mr. R. Holt of Weston Geophysical Corporation discussed Midland's sitespecific response spectra. He outlined two approaches to seismic design,
 one which results in a standard response spectra and another which
 results in a site-specific spectra. CPCo has developed a site-specific
 response spectra. Mr. Holt explained the earthquake magnitude appropriate to the Midland site, the various distances, the shear wave
 velocity profile, and the resulting final Midland-specific spectra. His
 presentation showed how CPCO's use of the Michigan Basin as a tectonic
 province affects the seismic site-specific spectra.

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- 13. H. G. Klimkiewicz, a seismologist with Weston Geoptysical, presented the results of a seismic hazard analysis (i.e., a determination of the probability of occurrence of the spectra) performed for the Midland Plant. He concluded that the predominant source of seismic hazard at the site is the local occurrence of a moderate earthquake.
- 14. Mr. J. Kimball (NRR/DE/SEB) discussed the seismic portion of the NRC's operating license review for Midland. He highlighted several areas where the Staff and Applicant disagree. These areas of disagreement relate to:
 - the use of the Michigan Basin as a tectonic province,
 - The use of the Parkfield earthquake records to develop the site-specific spectra.

The Staff has found the Applicant's site-specific spectra acceptable in spite of these differences because of conservatisms of larger magnitude that have been incorporated into the spectra.

- 15. Mr. L. Reiter (NRR/DE/GSB) discussed the use of probabilistic estimates to determine seismic hazards. He also discussed some recent work on sensitivity of seismic hazard to variations in input parameters. Finally, Mr. Reiter out ned the direction that the Staff plans on taking relating to the use of probabilistic estimates. The Staff will use probability to obtain relative as opposed to absolute insights into seismic hazard. Mr. Reiter said that reliance upon probabilistic estimates for very long return periods is not the way to alleviate concerns about earthquakes greater than the SSE. He did, however, encourage research to facilitate increasing use of probabilistic estimates.
- 16. Dr. R. Kennedy, President of Structural Mechanics Associates and consulant to CPCo, discussed the seismic reevaluation of the Midland facilities. He discussed the criteria that are being used in the seismic margin review. He also gave a sample of some of the preliminary results from this review. He explained that the site-specific spectra is being used in the seismic margin review. The review involves both structures and equipment.
- 17. Dr. Thiruvengadam, CPCo, addressed the potential for soil liquefaction at the Midland site. He briefly described the basis for the permanent site dewatering system. The loose granular backfill supporting the diesel generator building and the auxiliary building railroad bay area will not liquefy during an earthquake with a peak ground acceleration of 0.19g provided the ground water level in the backfill is maintained at or below elevation 610. The dewatering system will maintain the water level under these structures at about elevation 595. Total failure of

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all pumping capacity in the system would still permit an ample 60 days to repair or reinstall the system before the water reaches elevation 610 in critical areas. At 0.25g there is a 1.1 margin of safety. The Staff agrees with the Applicant on the results of the liquefaction analysis.

- 18. In response to a request from Dr. Okrent, the Applicant, NRC Staff, and ACRS consultants each gave their estimates of that earthquake having a return frequency of a thousand years, ten thousand years, and a hundred thousand years. There were considerable differences in these estimates of low probability earthquakes of a certain size.
- 19. Mr. J. Cook, Vice President of Projects Engineering and Construction for Consumers Power Company, briefly outlined the company's corporate structure and the engineering and construction operation for which he is responsible. CPCo has considerable nuclear experience but Dr. Okrent questioned its sufficiency to ensure safe plant operation.
- 20. Mr. R. DeWitt, Vice President of Nuclear Operations, very briefly reviewed CPCo Corporate organization, Nuclear Operations Department organization, Energy Supply organization, and his nuclear experience/background.
- 21. Mr. F. Buckman, CPCo's Executive Director of Nuclear Activities, briefly described the organization, staffing, and experience of the Nuclear Operations Department. He similarly described the Nuclear Activities Department. The composition and functions of the Nuclear Safety Board were presented. Mr. Buckman identified the people on the board and gave their experience and qualifications. The Subcommittee discussed how LERs from other plants were evaluated by CPCo.
- 22. Mr. G. Slade, CPCo's Assistant Site Manager for the Midland Site Management Office, discussed the organization of the plant staff, human resources planning of the plant staff, and the qualification program for the plant. The composition and qualifications of the plant staff were discussed in detail. The control room operator shift organization was presented to the Subcommittee. It was men' ioned that a two-unit simulator would be available for crew training by mid 1983. Typical training programs were identified, including those for reactor operators, simulator training, and training to mitigate core damage. The composition and qualifications of the training staff were discussed.
- 23. Dr. T. Sullivan, Manager of Safety and Licensing for the Midland project, discussed Midland's ongoing probabilistic risk assessment (PRA). Midland's licensing staff is working with Pickert, Lowe & Gerrick, the Midland site organization (including STAs and the operating staff) to conduct the PRA. The PRA was initiated in December 1980 and is 75% completed. Final results of the PRA are expected in Janaury 1983. Dr. Sullivan discussed the objectives and unique features of the Midland PRA.

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- 24. Mr. L. Gibson, CPCo, discussed Auxiliary Feedwater (AFW) system reliability. After some disagreement on the need for a third AFW pump, CPCo has agreed to install a third pump by the second refueling outage. The basis for the Staff's probabilistic criteria regarding AFW system unavailability was discussed at length.
- 25. Mr. W. Hall, CPCo, discussed Midland's Emergency Operating Procedures (EDPs). Mr. Hall has been working with INPO in the development of an Emergency Operating Procedures Writer's Guide. He also is chairman of the B&W Owners Group Subcommittee responsible for developing B&W Guidelines for writing EOPs [Abnormal Transient Operating Guidelines (ATOG)]. Mr. Hall discussed ATOG and symptom-oriented procedures. He outlined the methodology used to develop ATOG, the structure of the two-part ATOG product, the methods used to validate ATOG, a plan to implement ATOG, and finally recent and proposed additions to ATOG.
- 26. Mr. B. Harshe, CPCo, described Midland's AC and DC power systems. He identified several features of each system which make them more reliable than those which exist at other plants and/or which are required by NRC documents.
- 27. Mr. B. Harshe, CPCo, discussed the possibility of a station blackout at Midland. He indicated that while such an event is not part of the design basis, procedures are being developed to cope with it. He said that greater than two hours (the design life of the battery) would be available before serious consequences occurred. He outlined procedures which would be taken to restore AC power before that two-hour period expired. Mr. Kindinger, CPCo, said that there would conservatively be approximately 6 hours before a core melt occurred.
- 28. Mr. L. Gibson discussed highpoint vents in Midland's reactor coolant systems. He showed a diagram of and discussed the system configuration. He said that a bubble in the head would be detectable by plant operators and that it would not interfere in the natural circulation flow path. The control rod drive mechanism manual vents are not suited for system venting with the system hot and pressurized. Mr. Gibson indicated that the perceived benefit from installing a suitable vent on a control rod drive mechanism flange (after drilling and tapping) would not outweigh the cost.
- 29. Mr. G. Slade, CPCo, discussed several unique features of the Midland Plant site which affects the Midland Emergency Plan. He specifically addressed the fact that the plant is located in the state of Michigan, within the city limits of Midland, and adjacent to a major chemical manufacturing facility. A representative of the Michigan State Police discussed the state's role in carrying out Midland's Emergency Plan. The coordination of CPCo, state, local, and Dow personnel was addressed.

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- 30. Mr. D. Sommers highlighted several controversial or outstanding environmental issues on the Midland project. Issues discussed relating to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) include:
 - control of total dissolved solids in the Tittabawassee River,
 - thermal effects of dischargs to the Tittabawassee River, and
 - the assimilative capacity for ammonia in the river.

Issues discussed relating to the Draft Environmental Statement (DES) include:

- the potential for fogging and icing, and
- the potential for increased death due to disease and starvation of water fowl in the cooling pond.

CPCo indicated that all of these issues should be resolved without difficulty.

- 31. Mr. D. Sommers, CPCo, discussed the potential for ground water contamination at the Midland site. He gave several reasons why he felt that the potential for ground water contamination at Midland was minimal.
- 32. Mr. W. Beckman, CPCo, briefly outlined the Midland Plant Radiation Safety Program. He mentioned the corporate guidance that has gone into the development of the Midland Program. His discussion indicated that a strong ALARA program is in place at Midland. The ALARA Program includes:
 - An ALARA coordinator who reports to the Radiation Protection Manager,
 - Annual ALARA goals,
 - A \$5000 cost attached to each occupational man-rem projected to be consumed to install new equipment or modify the plant,
 - A radiation exposure tracking system, and
 - Pre-and Post-activity ALARA reviews for jobs involving personnel exposure.

Mr. Beckman highlighted Midland's normal dose projection and accident dose assessment methods.

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

The ACRS Subcommittee on Midland Plant Units 1 & 2 will have a meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 1982, commencing at 4:00 p.m., to discuss those topics on this meeting's tentative schedule that were not discussed.

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March 9, 1983

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Dear Mr. Brunner:

This letter is in response to your February 24, 1983 letter to me regarding the criteria under which an individual ("Individual A") who has provided a confidential affidavit to GAP will be able to visit the Midland jobsite.

We appreciate the efforts that you have gone through to extend the opportunity to our client to visit the site and identify and explain his allegations to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors/investigators. As I indicated in my December letter, as well as throughout our conversations, both GAP and Individual A are anxious to have the problems on the site identified and resolved.

The major criteria that we have agreed upon are summarized below:

- (1) A site tour will be provided for Individual A during non-regular work hours (i.e., weekends, evenings, etc.).
- (2) Another individual, preferably a current or former plant employee, or union representative, will be allowed to accompany the individual on the site tour.
- (3) The Company and contractor Bechtel will "not disclose Individual A's identity to the media or general public." We understand that in fact Individual A's identity will not be disclosed beyond the control group identified in your February 24, 1983 letter.
- (4) The Company will not refer to the fact that Individual A had supplied information, which was transmitted to the NRC, in any job reference or any other communication which the Company provides.
- (5) That any reference to Individual A's allegations or to Individual A in company documents will be limited to the control

group as identified in your Pebruary 24, 1983 letter. (We strongly suggest that any reference to the individual, including company internal documents, be done with discretion. Both the NRC and GAP use an alphabetical identification system in-house as well as in any external communication. We believe following that procedure would eliminate the possibility of an internal leak.)

- (6) That the individual will not have to sign the usual 7 site procedural sign-in book, since he will be accompanied at all times by both NRC and company officials. (This has been done at both LaSalle and Zimmer.)
 - (7) That the issue of depositions and confidentiality within the ASLB hearing process will be dealt with at some future time through the ASLB under such protective measures as are guaranteed by the Board.
 - (8) That Individual A will not be subjected to any questioning by company officials attempting to challenge the validity of his/her allegations, or by technical consultants or employees. The purpose of the site tour is to facilitate the NRC inspection effort. Subsequent to the NRC effort we assume Consumers will take the appropriate corrective action.

We further wish to clarify the points raised in your February 24, 1983 letter, paragraph 3.

"Despite the above protective measures, the affiant's identity might be guessed or inferred by a co-worker or other person outside the 'control group' as a result of the identification, tagging (if necessary), or correction of the identified hardware, or because of the required QA documentation pinpointing the problem. Certain persons may already have guessed or been told by the affiant of his identity. Obviously, neither CPCo nor Bechtel is in a position to guarantee that further disclosures have not or will not be made by such persons, or that they have or will abide by the terms described below."

We assume that Consumers Power Company and your contractor, the Bechtel Corporation, are responsible for the actions of your employees. On an issue as sensitive as this one it would seem appropriate that extra precautions would be taken to ensure that (1) the individual's identity is not released, and (2) that even if his/her identity were guessed or inferred by a co-worker or other person outside the "control group," that person would be aware of and familiar with the agreement made between your company and us on behalf of the protected witness. We can conceive of only a very unusual circumstance where the knowledge of Individual A's

Mr. James E. Brunner Consumers Power Company -3- March 9, 1983 identity on the part of any of your employees would be beyond your control if the conditions agreed to are faithfully followed and since the on-site tour itself will be "secret" and unannounced. We would certainly expect that in the event an employee guessed or inferred the identity, such a guess or inference would not be verified or discussed by the company or contractor or its employees. Finally, we wish to clarify your comments during our conversation in Midland about the number of people who would know the identity of the affiant. You originally stated, and your December 28, 1983 letter to James Keppler indicated that "not more than two or three persons" would know. However, in the February 24, 1983 letter and via the NRC, it appears that number may be expanding. We wish to underscore that our agreement is predicated upon the promise that the smallest possible number of individuals know our client's identity. Sincerely, Billie Pirner Garde BPG/ea Director, Citizens Clinic cc: SLewis, Region III WPaton, OELD MIMiller, IL&B MHearny OL/OM Service List JWCook, Consumers DBMiller, Consumers RAWells, Consumers JRutgers, Bechtel