



UNITED STATES
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Docket No. 50-443

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Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

SUBJECT: SEABROOK PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE RTD BYPASS (AC NO. M83009)

The purpose of this letter is to document and confirm the results of a conference call June 12, 1992 with your staff (Legendre, Beuchel and Gurney) concerning the subject matter.

The staff cannot approve at this time that portion of your application which seeks to omit a flow measurement uncertainty value from Technical Specifications (TS). This would be a deviation from Standard TS of a generic nature that would require a longer review process than a plant specific change. Although the staff has approved license amendments for a number of other plants to eliminate the RTD Bypass, those have not included the omission of a flow measurement uncertainty value from TS.

It is our understanding that you plan to submit a supplement to your application with the TS modified to include the uncertainty. The supplement should include a revised No Significant Hazards Evaluation and a revised Safety Analysis to address the modified TS. In addition, you should include the questions and responses discussed in conference calls held with your staff on June 9, 1992 and June 12, 1992. The NRC staff was satisfied with your response to each of these questions with the exception noted above regarding flow uncertainty.

It now appears that the staff cannot issue a license amendment on the schedule (July 1, 1992) requested in your application. Our best estimate is that a license amendment could be issued about 45 days after we receive your supplement. This estimate assumes that no other problems develop in the review process. As I noted in a letter dated April 10, 1992, scheduler problems in the review process can normally be precluded by allowing 6 months for the NRC to process an amendment application.

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Sincerely,

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