



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

June 18, 1992

Docket No. 50-382

Mr. Ross P. Barkhurst
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Dear Mr. Barkhurst:

SUBJECT: REACTOR VESSEL MATERIAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - REPORT
OF TEST RESULTS FOR WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT NO. 3

By letter dated April 2, 1992, Entergy Operations, Inc., requested an extension for submittal of a summary report of the test results from a capsule of material pulled from the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3 reactor vessel during Refueling Outage 4 on April 11, 1991. The report was due on April 11, 1992, and the requested extension was for submittal by November 30, 1992. The Regulations, specifically 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H, Section III.A, allow for the granting of extensions, and it is our practice to consider requests for reasonable and just causes.

Entergy Operations, Inc., cites as causes difficulties in the contract negotiations with the test facility, difficulties incurred in arranging for shipping of the capsule, and the 7-month delay in the test facility schedule due to other commitments. The April 2, 1992, letter states that the contract negotiations occurred in December 1991, and subsequent discussions with your staff revealed that the process was not started until about 3-months after the capsule was withdrawn from the vessel. While we agree that Entergy did not have sufficient time to complete the process once it was started, it is clear that insufficient attention was given to the planning and managing of the requirement and that the delay in starting the negotiations was the direct cause of the ultimate delay in submittal of the report.

The Waterford 3 reactor vessel material, configuration, and irradiation history are such that we do not believe there is a safety problem with the delay of the summary report until November 1992. The next refueling outage is currently scheduled for September 1992, and it is of some concern that the test results could indicate that changes are advisable at this outage. It is therefore requested that Entergy Operations, Inc., advise this office in August 1992, when the results become available from the test facility, as to any potential adverse results that should be considered during this refueling outage. However, based on our belief that there is no safety problem and your assertion that changes during the refueling are not likely, the request for submittal of the final report in November 1992 is approved.

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If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

John Larkins, Director
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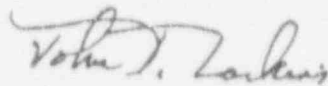
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