

March 21, 1996

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SUBJECT: BWR SAFETY RELIEF VALVE PERFORMANCE

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am extending an invitation to Region I licensees to participate with the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and Region I representatives in a discussion of Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) safety relief valve performance issues. The meeting is intended to be an exchange of information concerning the subject of safety relief valve leakage, corrective actions that have been implemented to address setpoint drift, and associated issues.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at the Sheraton Valley Forge (610-337-2000), Valley Forge, PA. The meeting is open for public observation and will be attended by NRC Region I, NRR and other NRC staff. We request that you consider sending up to two members of your staff who are associated with the evaluation of safety relief valve performance.

To make the meeting as productive as possible, please provide a preliminary list of questions or topics which you would like to pursue at the meeting to K. Kolaczyk of the Region I staff at (610) 337-5327, and indicate who will represent you at the meeting, by April 12. Those questions and issues will form the bases for additional discussions. A meeting notice, an agenda and directions are attached for your information.

Questions regarding the details and feedback on the scope of the meeting may be directed to me at (610) 337-5111; I look forward to a productive exchange of ideas.

Sincerely,

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Eugene M. Kelly, Chief
Systems Engineering Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-277; 50-278

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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT LICENSEE MEETING

Licensees: Boston Edison, Pilgrim (50-293)
Facilities: GPU Nuclear Corporation, Oyster Creek (50-219)
Docket Nos.: New York Power Authority, FitzPatrick (50-333)
Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Nine Mile Point 1 & 2 (50-220; 50-410)
Northeast Nuclear Energy Co., Millstone 1 (50-245)
PECO Energy, Limerick 1&2 (50-352; 50-353), Peach Bottom (50-277;50-278)
Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, Susquehanna 1 & 2 (50-387; 50-388)
Public Service Electric & Gas Company, Hope Creek (50-354),
Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, Vermont Yankee (50-271)

Time and Date: Wednesday, April 24, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Sheraton Valley Forge (610) 337-2000
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

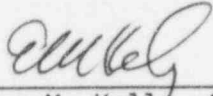
Purpose: Discussion of safety relief valve performance issues with boiling water reactor licensees. Special emphasis will be placed on (1) setpoint drift; (2) pilot/main seat leakage; and (3) leakage mitigation methods.

NRC Attendees: J. Wiggins, Director, Division of Reactor Safety (DRS)
E. Kelly, Chief, Systems Engineering Branch, DRS
G. Hammer, Mechanical Engineering Branch, NRR, MEB
M. Wegner, Reactor Analysis Branch, AEOD

NOTES:

- (1) Attendance by NRC personnel at the NRC/Licensee meeting should be made known by April 16, 1996, via telephone call to E. Kelly (610) 337-5111.
- (2) Due to the subject matter and nature of this meeting, this meeting is open for observation by members of the general public.

Prepared By: _____


Eugene M. Kelly, Chief
Systems Engineering Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

BWR SAFETY RELIEF VALVE PERFORMANCE

SHERATON VALLEY FORGE

APRIL 24, 1996

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks by James Wiggins, Director, Division of Reactor Safety
- 8:15 a.m. "SRV Setpoint Drift Fix Committee - Status" by BWR Owners' Group
- 9:00 a.m. "NRC Perspective Concerning SRV Performance" by the Mechanical Engineering Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, NRR
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. "SRV Performance Monitoring at FitzPatrick," by New York Power Authority
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. "SRV Performance Observations by Kenneth Kolaczyk, NRC Region I
- 1:45 p.m. "Limerick September 1995 Event," by PECO Energy
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. "Results of the Millstone Unit 1 SRV Setpoint Drift Study," by Northeast Nuclear Energy Company
- 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks by Eugene M. Kelly, DRS Systems Engineering Branch
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

