

December 29, 1983

Note to Darrell Eisenhut

SUBJECT: LASALLE

We are going to put out a press release notice on this package for LaSalle. The notice would be okay provided that the time for comments is changed so that it gives at least 15 days worth of public comment time. You can't cut it off on January 3, even though it may run into an overlap with the tech specs. Someone has to work that out between us and the Region with respect to issuance of mistaken tech specs on Unit 2. You can't fix it by cutting out the public comment period. Secondly, the argument that the Staff gives for an exigency is that slow starting of the diesel is so good that from a safety standpoint, we want to reduce the number of fast starts as quickly as we possibly can. If that's the argument the Staff wants to make, it sounds to me like we ought to get the generic letter on fast start out of here right away. It seems a little inconsistent to put this kind of argument out in a press release when we, as an agency have been doing surveys, etc to get around to changing the fast start tech specs on all the other plants that we imposed. We can't use this argument to justify a short notice for a change of tech spec on 60 power plants that are out there.

The only thing that distinguishes LaSalle is that we jumped the gun on issuing the slow start spec on LaSalle 2 before we looked at its effect on LaSalle 1. In short we, and the licensee probably, screwed up. I'm not sure you want to make this argument as your public argument just to correct the mistake that was made in the LaSalle 2 license. We could put out a regular notice and ask the Region & I&E not to enforce the inconsistent tech spec for the period necessary to carry out the proper procedure for the change.

"Original signed by
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