

Note to: R. Birkel  
From: J. Gray  
SUBJECT: McGUIRE AMENDMENT ON DIESEL GENERATOR TESTS AND  
TURBINE VALVE SURVEILLANCE

OELD has been asked to concur in the form of license amendments for McGuire 1 and 2 which extend required testing intervals for diesel generators from once every 18 months to refueling outages and reduce surveillance frequency for turbine valves from weekly to monthly.

While I have no problem with the form of the amendments themselves, I do have a problem with the action we propose to take. Specifically, rather than grant the amendments requested by licensee, we propose to

- (1) authorize only a one time exception to the 18 month testing requirement for diesel generators and
- (2) allow monthly rather than weekly turbine valve testing only for an interim period until a Westinghouse study is reviewed by the Staff and conditioned on maintenance of AVT for secondary water chemistry.

The licensee did not ask for the license amendments we are giving. We basically have a choice of granting the amendments requested, denying the amendments, or getting the licensee to modify its amendment request to conform to what is acceptable to the staff. We have taken none of these approaches here. I'd suggest that you contact the licensee and get him to agree to the changed amendments which the staff has proposed. If licensee agrees then the staff's SE should state that the staff's modified license amendments have been discussed with, and agreed to by, the licensee. Otherwise, you must either grant or deny the specific amendments requested by licensee.

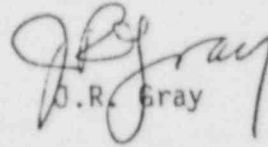
I also note that no check has been made with SECY to ascertain whether comments or requests for hearing have been received on their license amendments. If there has been a request for hearing, then a final NSHC determination must be made before these amendments may be issued. If there are no hearing requests, then this SE is acceptable as is in that regard.

Rather than returning this package to OELD for concurrence after necessary modifications, you can call me and

- (1) if the licensee has agreed to the modifications to its amendment requests and that is reflected in the SE as noted above and

(2) SECY verifies that there have been no requests for hearing on these amendments,

I will provide oral concurrence which you may note on the concurrence sheets.

  
D.R. Gray