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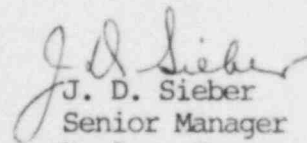
Reference: Beaver Valley Power Station, Unit No. 1  
Docket No. 50-334, License No. DPR-66  
Licensing Action Survey

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed your letter dated January 22, 1985 entitled, "Questionnaire on Licensee's Perception of Regional Review of Licensing Actions." Our responses are enclosed as an attachment.

If you have any further questions, please contact my office.

Very truly yours,

  
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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

1. Has the overall safe operation of your facility been enhanced by having selected licensing action technical reviews conducted in the Region? If so, how?

If the regional review process has enabled NRR to resolve licensing actions in a more expedient fashion, then overall safe operation of the facility is enhanced by achieving resolution of these issues in a more timely manner.

2. Have you been generally satisfied with the time response of licensing actions when Regional reviewers are involved?

Yes. We have been equally satisfied with the timeliness of the NRR reviews.

3. Did improved communications between your staff and the NRC result from the Regional review process?

In general, the communication has been increased because of the reviewers shifting from an auditing to a technical reviewer perspective. As more reviewer experience is gained it is expected that the communications would be at the same level as that of NRR.

4. Has the Regional review process resulted in fewer technical disagreements between your staff and the NRC over licensing actions?

No. See response to items 3, 8 and 9.

5. Have you been generally satisfied with the types of licensing activities being reviewed in the Regions?

Yes. The licensing actions referred to the regions should continue to be those that do not require an extensive technical review.

6. Can you suggest licensing actions that are not being reviewed in Regions, that in your opinion, should be?

Issues that are site specific such as some exemptions to Appendix R 10CFR50 or issues where a site visit could clear up any obstacles in achieving a technical resolution of the open items should be sent to the Region.

7. Can you identify any licensing actions that were reviewed in the Regions that, in your opinion, should have been reviewed by Headquarters?

No.

8. Has the Regional review process brought pressures to bear that would not ordinarily be experienced from headquarters reviews; e.g., enforcement concepts, etc.?

There have been cases where a request for a licensing action has resulted in an I&E audit of the program(s) for which the original licensing action was sought, i.e., Inservice Inspection Program, Fire Detection Instrument.

9. Would you say that the overall quality of the licensing review process has improved, stayed the same, or degenerated as a result of Regional involvement?

If the regionalization has enabled NRR to resolve more issues in a timely manner, than it has improved the licensing process. If an increased number of program audits continue to be predicated by the submittal of requests for licensing action(s), than it is expected that the process will degenerate.