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

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard H. Vollmer, Director Division of Engineering

THRU:

William V. Johnston, Assistant Dinector Materials, Chemical & Environmental Technology Division of Engineering

FROM:

Ronald L. Ballard, Chief Environmental & Hydrologic Engineering Branch Division of Engineering

SUBJECT: "ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL FLOOD LEVELS AT THE TROJAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - PHASE II"

The attached memorandum, prepared for your signature, authorizes the USGS to commence Phase II of their analysis of potential flooding at the Trojan site as a result of the Spirit Lake debris dam failure.

Mike Fliegel, Dick Codell, and I have reviewed the USGS's written report (Attachment 2) and conversed with the authors by telephone. Based on their initial assumptions, the USGS Phase I effort concluded that:

- 1. A "clear water" flood alone would not flood the site.
 - Taking the physical properties of the mud into account, however, the dam break could cause a flood in excess of 45 feet mean sea level at the site if it occurred coincident with a major Columbia River flood (e.g., 50 year recurrence).
- 2. A Spirit Lake dam failure during low water flow on the Columbia River could deposit large quantities of mud at the mouth of the Cowlitz River. Large winter floods have been known to follow low flow periods by only a few days. This scenario could cause a flood above plant grade even for a relatively frequent (2 year) Columbia River flood.

Phase II of this study would investigate refined models for the deposition of sediment in the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers, which would be expected to reduce the predicted load to the Columbia River. The study would also investigate the slope of mudflow deposition in the Columbia River.

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The licensee, PGE, transmitted to NRC an independent assessment, dated July 1, 1983, of potential mudflows and resulting effects at the Trojan site (Attachment 3). Their assessment, using somewhat different assumptions, concluded that flooding at Trojan is not credible (maximum water level of 39 feet). As the report is deficient of supporting documentation, we are preparing questions to elicit the needed information for our review. However, as we do not have the required skills to authoritatively review their analysis, we would almost certainly require outside assistance; probably the USGS.

Taking all matters into consideration, including the proposed Trojan start-up of mid-July and projected August request for spent fuel pool expansion, it appears to be in NRC's best interest to proceed with the Phase II study. At the same time, they will have the opportunity to review the licensee's analysis. Thus, we recommend that you approve the conduct of Phase II by means of the attached memorandum.

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Ronald L. Ballard, Chief Environmental & Hydrologic Engineering Branch Division of Engineering

Attachments: As stated

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Edwar

Edward L. Halman, Director Division of Contracts, ADM

FROM: Richard H. Vollmer, Director Division of Engineering, NRR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCESSING OF AN NRR PROCUREMENT ACTION; RFPA NO.: NRR-83-109

> Title: Analysis of Potential Flood Levels at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant - Phase II

FIN No.: B8649

The attached request for Procurement Action (RFPA), NRC Form 400, Parts 1 and 2, is forwarded for your action. This RFPA requests that incremental funds be provided to complete Phase II of the project. The initial request for Phase I was forwarded to you in my memorandum of May 27, 1983.

If you have any questions concerning acceptance and processing of this request, please contact Mr. E. Pentecost, extension 27067.

Richard H. Vollmer, Director Division of Engineering Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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STATEMENT OF WORK

Title: Analysis of Potential Flood Levels at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant

FIN No.: B8649

B&R No.: 20-19-10-12-2

Project Officer: Richard Codell (FTS 492-8117)

BACKGROUND

The U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) has recently released a draft report describing the postulated down stream effects of a hypothetical failure of the debris dam (blockage) impounding Spirit Lake. This 1983 report (Water-Resources Investigations 82-4125) prepared in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is entitled "Mudflow hazards along the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers from a hypothetical failure of Spirit Lake blockage." The scope of the above report was limited to the confluence of the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers and does not consider the effect on the Columbia itself. The effects of the hypothetical mudflow at the location of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, some 5 miles upstream on the Columbia River from that confluence was not addressed in the USGS report. Considering the potential flood hazard posed by the hypothetical failure of the Spirit Lake blockage, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission must determine the potential flood levels at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant due to the mudflow described in the early 1983 USGS Spirit Lake blockage report.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this report is to determine the potential flood levels at the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant based upon the hypothetical failure of the Spirit Lake blockage.

WORK REQUIREMENTS

Work under this project will be performed in two phases where phase II will be performed as an option, dependent on the results obtained in phase I.

Phase I

Estimated Completion from Initiation of Phase

2 weeks

Using the results of the USGS Water-Resources Investigations Report 82-4125 on mudflows entering the Columbia River from the Cowlitz River, determine the maximum flood elevation at the location of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant using appropriate conservative USGS hydrological modeling techniques and assumptions.

Estimated Completion from Initiation of Phase

3 weeks

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Phase II (Option)

If the results of Phase I show that flood elevations at Trojan are above 45 ft. msl, perform additional hydrological analysis but using progressively more realistic model assumptions based upon USGS engineering judgements concerning the tributary and Columbia River routined models.

LEVEL OF EFFORT AND PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The level of effort is estimated at 0.5 professional staff years over a 2 month period; 0.15 psy for Phase I and 0.35 psy for Phase II.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- One week after completion of Phase I, a letter report is to be submitted to the Project Officer that contains an estimate of the flood level at the Trojan site including a summary of the analyses performed and assumptions used.
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- 3. A business letter report is to be submitted at the completion of the project to the Project Officer with copies provided to the Contracting Officer, DC, the Director, Division of Engineering, ATTN: E. Pentecost, to R. Ballard, DE, and to B. L. Grenier, NRR that contains a brief summary of the work performed, problems encountered, if any; the amount of professional staff years expended; and the amount of funds expended in the accounting categories used by the USGS. The report will identify the Interagency Number, the FIN No., the Princiapal Investigator and the period of performance.

MEETINGS AND TRAVEL

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Travel to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi is anticipated to perform the analyses and should be described as part of the USGS proposal.

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NRC FURNISHED MATERIALS

None.