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Attention: Document Control Desk

Subject: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-29
Implementation of Commitments Requested in the Technical
Specification Amendment 133 Letter

References: GNRI-97/00181, Issuance Of Amendment No. 133 To Facility
Operating License No. NPF-29 – Grand Gulf Nuclear Station,
Unit 1 (Tac No. M98745), Dated November 5, 1997

GNRO-97/00037, Request to Revise Technical Specifications:
Response Time Testing Proposed Amendment to the
Operating License (PCOL-96/11), Dated May 7, 1997

GNRO-98/00080

Gentlemen:

The NRC staff requested, in the cover letter for Amendment 133 to Grand Gulf Technical Specifications (GNRI-97/00181, TAC NO. M98745), that we inform them in writing when commitments specified in the referenced letter had been implemented. The specific commitments included; revision of procedures to include steps to input a fast ramp or step change and to have technicians monitor for response time degradation during calibrations; and to train technicians to be aware of the consequences of instrument response time degradation.

This letter serves as notification to the staff for the implementation of the above listed commitments.¹ Procedure revisions and training of technicians have been

¹ Implementation of Amendment 133 is complete with the exception that GGNS has not at this time decided to switch from the previous response time testing methods to the new methods. Until such time that GGNS decides to switch methods, there remain procedure changes and training (described above) to be completed before the new method may be used. Amendment 133 and associated Technical Specification Bases, containing the requested commitments, have been issued to all manual holders.


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planned and are being tracked by the site commitment tracking system. Training of technicians has been assigned commitment tracking number 32917. The fast ramp, step change and degradation awareness commitments have been assigned commitment tracking numbers 32915 and 32916. It is important to note that although procedure revisions have not been made, there is no impact on sensor response times. In the Technical Specification Bases it essentially states that if the alternate testing requirements are not complied with, then the entire channel will be response time tested including the sensors. We also stated in the letter requesting the relaxation of response time testing (GNRO-97/00037, dated May 7, 1997) that applicable calibration procedures will be revised as necessary prior to the next performance of the procedure or discontinuance of the present response time testing method. If we can be of any assistance on this matter, please contact Mike Larson at 601-437-6685.

Yours truly,



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