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Docket No. 50-508

Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: G. W. Knighton, Director
PWR Project Directorate No. 7
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 3
RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 83-28
SALEM ATWS EVENTS

References: a) Letter (G03-83-681), G. C. Sorensen to D. G. Eisenhut,
same subject, dated August 23, 1983.
b) Letter (G03-86-146), G. C. Sorensen to H. R. Denton,
subject "WNP-3 Revised Construction Permit Amendment
Request", dated March 10, 1986.

The Supply System has received an informal NRC request to update reference a). Specifically, additional information was requested regarding Items 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 of the subject document.

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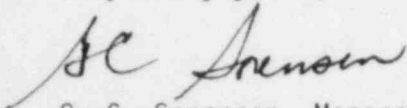
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These items have to do with Post Maintenance Test Requirements in existing Technical Specifications which can be demonstrated to degrade rather than enhance safety. Item 3.1.3 pertains to Reactor Trip System components and Item 3.2.3 pertains to all other Safety Related components.

Because of the extended construction delay at WNP-3, Operational Phase Test and Maintenance procedures have been only partially completed and Technical Specifications have not been written. We plan to have these sufficiently complete to allow a response to Items 3.1.3 and 3.2.3 one year prior to fuel load. The preparation of the procedures and Technical Specifications will consider the stated staff positions for Items 3.1.3 and 3.2.3. Consistent with reference b), the NRC should use July 1998 as the earliest date for fuel load for planning purposes.

Should you have any questions or desire further clarification, the Supply System point of contact regarding this matter is Mr. D. W. Coleman, WNP-3 Project Licensing Manager, Ext. 5436.

Very truly yours,



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