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Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6
Schedule For Conversion To
Improved Standard Technical Specifications

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a change to the proposed schedule for submittal of the Improved Standard Technical Specifications (ISTS) for Arkansas Nuclear One Units 1 and 2. Previous schedules projected submittal of the Unit 1 ISTS in the third quarter of 1997 and the ANO Unit 2 submittal for the end of 1997 or early 1998. These schedules were provided in ANO's letter dated August 29, 1996 (OCAN089604) and were based on the availability of and demands on site resources as evaluated at that time. We intended to have and still desire substantial involvement in the development of the ISTS by the many plant organizations which utilize and are responsible for the content of the technical specifications. The demands on the organization have been more extensive than anticipated due to other enhancement efforts focused on improving overall plant performance. A more recent evaluation of available resources has identified the need to delay the submittal of the ANO Units 1 and 2 ISTS. Current projections are for the submittal of the ANO-1 ISTS early in the fourth quarter of 1998 and for the ANO-2 ISTS by the end of 1999 or early 2000. Once submitted, resources will be made available to work with the NRC staff to facilitate a timely review.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

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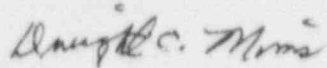
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