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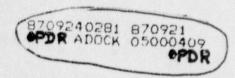
Dear Mr. McLoughlin:

In response to your memoranda dated August 7 and August 20, 1987, regarding offsite emergency preparedness at the LaCrosse Boiling Water Reactor (LACBWR), am providing you with information on the status of licensing activities in progress.

On May 22, 1987, the licensee, Dairyland Power Cooperative, submitted a request to the NRC asking that the license be amended to a possess-but-not-operate status. This request was based on the permanent shutdown of the LACBWR on April 30, 1987. On July 1, 1987, the NRC published in the Federal Register a notice of the amendment request and a proposed determination that the requested action does not involve a significant hazards consideration (52 FR 24546). In an earlier memorandum to FEMA (F. J. Congel to R. W. Krimm dated July 24, fuel had been removed from the reactor vessel.

On August 4, 1987, the license was amended to a possess-but-not-operate status. In addition on August 26, 1987, the NRC received from the licensee a notarized request to modify the LACBWR Technical Specifications (Tech Specs). The request, among other things, addresses accidents that could occur at the facility in its shutdown condition. The licensee's submittal indicates that in the event of a severe accident involving the stored spent fuel, the resulting whole body radiation dose at the site boundary would be less than tion Agency (EPA) Protective Action Guides (PAGs) at which offsite protective actions should be considered (1 rem whole body and 5 rem thyroid).

The NRC will perform a detailed analysis and review of the information in the licensee's formal request to change the Tech Specs. However, on the basis of supports the conclusion that the scope of emergency planning for the LACBWR port agencies, such as the fire department, should be maintained and would be addressed in the onsite emergency plan.



In addition to the Tech Spec changes mentioned above, the licensee is also preparing a revised ensite emergency plan. As mentioned in the July 24, 1987, memorandum, we expect to receive this submittal in October 1987. When we complete our detailed review of the Tech Spec changes and the revised onsite emergency plan, we will inform you of our final determinations as to the level of offsite emergency preparedness, if any, needed for LACBWR.

In the interim, it is our view that the pursuit of corrective actions and further upgrading of the offsite plans are not warranted in light of the present status of the LACBWR facility.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Vactor Stolla

Victor Stello, Jr. Executive Director for Operations

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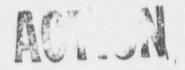
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FROM:

DAVE MCLOUGHLIN FEMA

TO:

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FOR ST NATURE OF:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESC:

REQUEST ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE RE RESOLUTION OF THE STATUS OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS AT THE LACROSSEE BOILING WATER REACTOR

DATE: 08/14/37

ASSIGNED TO: NRR CONTACT: MURLEY

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(for Ellen Purtor) DUE: 08/28787

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(August 25, 1997