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- References:
- 1) Fermi 2  
NRC Docket No. 50-341  
NRC License No. NPF-43
  - 2) Detroit Edison letter, NRC-89-0004, Sylvia  
to Stello, dated January 17, 1989, Response  
to Diagnostic Evaluation Team Report

Subject: Revision of Milestone Date for  
Improvement of Simulator Fidelity

In the response (Reference 2) to the Diagnostic Evaluation Team report, Detroit Edison provided the schedule for the simulator upgrade effort. The first milestone was to issue a procurement specification for the upgrade of process models, instructor station and the simulator computers by December 1988. This milestone was achieved and proposals from seven vendors have been received and are under review.

Due to the number of qualified bidders and the diversity of their proposals, the evaluation of these bids is taking longer than first anticipated. Initial evaluation of the bids has been completed and visits to simulator vendors to clarify and verify their proposals are in progress. Upon completion of this activity it may be necessary to re-bid a portion or all of the initial specification and then negotiate a final contract.

Because of the complexity and care being taken to improve our simulator fidelity, the contract award will not be completed by the end of March as previously expected. Detroit Edison intends to complete vendor selection as soon as practical. Detroit Edison will notify the NRC by letter when the contract is awarded. Modification of this milestone does not change Detroit Edison's commitment to achieve simulator certification by June 1991.

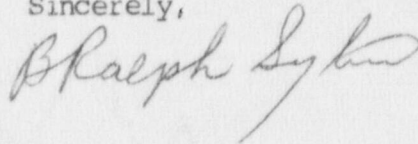
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If there are any questions, please contact Ms. L. Goodman at (313)  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph Lytle".

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