

December 4, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety
Region III

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SUBJECT: DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 - CLOSEOUT OF RAM
ISSUES C.5.a, C.5.b, C.5.c, C.5.d, C.5.h AND C.6.e.3

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff has completed evaluation of the subject restart action matrix (RAM) issues. NRR recommends to the Manual Chapter 0350 restart panel closure of all the subject RAM issues. The details of each item is described below.

RAM ISSUE C.5.a: Applicable license amendments have been issued.

ISSUE: The licensee submitted five license amendments that required review and approval prior to Unit 1 restart. The NRR staff has completed the review of all five of the license amendments. All amendments have been issued. The last amendment (RAM ITEM 8.9) was issued November 30, 2000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.5.a is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

RAM ISSUE C.5.b: Applicable exemptions have been granted.

ISSUE: The licensee did not submit any exemptions that required review and approval prior to Unit 1 restart.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.5.b is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

RAM ISSUE C.5.c: Applicable reliefs have been granted.

ISSUE: The licensee did not submit any reliefs that required review and approval prior to Unit 1 restart.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.5.c is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

RAM ISSUE C.5.d: Imposed orders have been modified or rescinded.

ISSUE: The licensee requested the order dealing with 0737 issue post accident hydrogen monitoring be modified for Units 1 and 2. NRR issued the modification to the order on February 4, 2000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.5.d is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

RAM ISSUE C.5.h: 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions have been appropriately addressed.

ISSUE: On October 9, 1997, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the operating license for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, be modified, revoked, or suspended until there is reasonable assurance that plant systems are in conformance with design and licensing bases requirements. The Petition was amended on January 12, 1998. The Director of NRR issued a final decision concerning the Petition on February 11, 1999. No additional petitions have been filed as of November 27, 2000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.5.h is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

RAM ISSUE C.6.e.3: Appropriate state and local officials-Inform Stakeholders (UCS)

ISSUE: The UCS (Dave Lochbaum) was contacted by phone on November 28, 2000, to discuss any concerns he had over the restart of Unit 1. Mr. Lochbaum did not raise any concerns dealing the restart of Unit 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the NRR staff's actions RAM ISSUE C.6.e.3 concerning informing the UCS of Unit 1 restarting is recommended to the 0350 panel for closure.

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