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Seabrook Station
Implementation of Revised 10 CFR 50.59

The effective date for the revised 10 CFR 50.59, was established in a December 13, 2000, *Federal Register* notice (65 FR 77773), as March 13, 2001. As discussed in Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2001-03, dated January 23, 2001, the NRC has stated that to permit an orderly transition to the revised rule, licensees may implement the rule later than this date. Although an exemption is not necessary, the RIS suggested that a licensee may want to communicate its implementation plan to the NRC. It is our intention to implement the revised requirements of 10 CFR 50.59 on June 1, 2001. Until that time, we will continue to implement our existing 10 CFR 50.59 review processes.

Seabrook Station has recently completed an extended refueling outage which impacted the activities necessary to implement the revised 10 CFR 50.59. Program and procedure changes as well as required training necessary to support implementation of the revised rule will be complete prior to June 1, 2001.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Manager - Regulatory Programs, at (603) 773-7194.

Very truly yours,

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