

November 16, 2005

EA 05-176

Mr. David A. Christian
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SUBJECT: REGULATORY CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS A PRELIMINARY GREATER THAN GREEN FINDING AND APPARENT VIOLATION (NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-305/2005-11) - KEWAUNEE TURBINE BUILDING FLOODING ISSUE; MANAGEMENT MEETING TO DISCUSS KEWAUNEE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Dear Mr. Christian:

This letter refers to the public meeting conducted on November 8, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region III office in Lisle, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: to hold a Regulatory Conference to discuss a preliminary Greater than Green Finding and Apparent Violation associated with Kewaunee Power Station's (KPS) turbine building flooding issues; and to hold a management meeting to discuss KPS's improvement initiatives.

The Regulatory Conference was an opportunity for Dominion Energy Kewaunee Incorporated to provide any revised or new information associated with the original risk analysis, and any other information related to the finding. The preliminary Greater than Green inspection finding was discussed in Inspection Report 50-305/2005-11 issued on October 6, 2005.

At the Regulatory Conference, your staff presented an overview of the event, related corrective actions, and the methodology and results of your internal flood risk assessment of the finding. Your staff's presentation also included a discussion, based upon the additional information presented, that it is your view that the finding would be properly characterized as Yellow, that is, a finding of substantial safety significance. The NRC and Dominion staffs held extensive discussions regarding specific technical issues related to your analysis, as well as an updated analysis that accounted for recently performed testing and evaluation. Based on this recent information and other NRC questions, it was determined that additional review by the NRC was necessary to determine the final safety significance of the finding. In addition, your staff agreed with the Apparent Violation of 10 CFR 50, Appendix B, Criterion III, "Design Control."

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A listing of principal Dominion and NRC attendees is attached as an Enclosure to this letter. The meeting notice and NRC presentation slides can be found in ADAMS as ML052730172 and ML053190327, respectively. Dominion's presentation slides for the Regulatory Conference and management meeting can be found in ADAMS as ML053190338 and ML053190340, respectively.

You will be advised of our final decision in this matter by separate correspondence. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (630) 829-9866.

Sincerely,

/RA by P. Loudon Acting for/

Thomas Kozak
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Enclosure: List of Principal Attendees

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November 8, 2005

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Leslie Hartz	Vice President-Nuclear Engineering
Ronald Berryman	Nuclear Oversight Director
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Michael Gaffney	Site Vice President, Kewaunee Power Station (KPS)
Kyle Hoops	Site Director, KPS
Thomas Webb	Nuclear Safety and Licensing Director, KPS
Lori Armstrong	Engineering Director, KPS
Joseph Ruttar	Nuclear Operations Manager, KPS
Jeffrey Stafford	Nuclear Shift Operations Supervisor, KPS

NRC

James Caldwell	Regional Administrator, Region III
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