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H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2
BRUNSWICK STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
LICENSE NO. DPR-23, 71, & 62
DOCKET NO. 50-261, 325, & 324
RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 79-19, PACKAGING OF LOW-LEVEL WASTE

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Your letter of August 10, 1979, transmitted IE Bulletin 79-19, which requested information concerning the control of packaging and shipping of low-level radioactive waste. Carolina Power & Light Company's response to those concerns are addressed below.

1. The official copies of the DOT and NRC regulations shall be maintained by Generation Services, Harris Energy & Environmental Center, Health Physics Unit, which is responsible for the preparation and updating of specific procedures to be used by the plants.
2. The official copy of current requirements (license) placed on the waste burial form by the Agreement State shall be maintained by Generation Services, Harris Energy & Environmental Center, Health Physics Unit.
3. Those people in the plant organization who are responsible by procedure for the safe transfer, packaging, and transport of low-level radioactive material are the Plant Manager and the Environmental and Radiation Control Supervisor.
4. We currently have management-approved, detailed instructions and operating procedures to be used by all personnel involved in the transfer, packaging, and transport of low-level radioactive materials.
5. Those Health Physics personnel involved in the transfer, packaging, or transport of radioactive waste have been trained or will be trained by December 15, 1979. Since

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frequent shipping activities maintain a constant familiarity with the current procedure, retraining will be given to those people involved in shipping when significant changes have been made in the procedure.

6. All personnel will be trained in those processes or portions of the process they participate in by December 15, 1979.
7. This is already covered in our Corporate Quality Assurance Program.
8. This audit has been or will be completed within the stated 60-day time frame.
9. As stated above, all additional actions on our part will be implemented by December 15, 1979. At no time will personnel who have not yet been fully trained be responsible for the transfer, packaging, or transport of radioactive waste.
10. Data requested for 1978 and the first six months of 1979:
 - (a) Question Nos. 1 and 2: This information is provided to the NRC in the Semiannual Effluent Accountability and Waste Disposal Reports for the time period in question.
 - (b) Question No. 3: The answer is "Yes." The H. B. Robinson Plant solidifies radioactive liquid waste in cement; the Brunswick Plant solidifies radioactive liquid waste in Urea-Formaldehyde (UF).

I trust this information is suitable for your use.

Yours very truly,



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cc: Mr. L. B. Higgenbotham