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SUBJECT: Discusses 820415 response to Generic Ltr 82-05 re NUREG-0737, Item II.B.3, "Post-Accident Sampling" & commitment to have sys operational by 830101. Due to problems, operational date revised to 830211.

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NUREG 0737 ITEM II.B.3. - POST ACCIDENT SAMPLING

Dear Mr. Eisenhut:

Background

On April 15, 1982 Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) submitted a letter to you in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Generic Letter 82-05. In that submittal, CP&L committed to have the Post Accident Sampling System (PASS) operational by January 1, 1983. Due to recent problems, that commitment must now be revised.

Discussion

Carolina Power & Light Company has been working dilligently to meet the commitment made in the April 15, 1982 letter, however, recently encountered problems have placed the final operational date of the system in serious doubt. Installation has been slowed by a number of vendor recommended field changes to resolve problems encountered at other facilities during startup of similar systems. These changes have delayed the system's initial startup, flush, and testing. The required operating, maintenance, and chemistry procedures have been developed and efforts are continuing toward a January 1, 1983 target. Due to the newness and complexity of the design of the system, however, CP&L anticipates additional problems as the system is taken through the initial startup sequence. Because of these facts, CP&L believes that a more realistic date for the completion of startup testing and resolving of startup problems is January 14, 1983. Because of the complexity of the system, and the fact that to our knowledge no similar system has been successfully put into operation to date; CP&L believes it prudent to schedule four additional weeks to conduct "hands on" familiarization of the system with the individuals who will be required to operate the PASS under post accident conditions. Although the system should be capable of performing its intended function, CP&L is now reluctant to declare the system operational until this period is completed. Therefore, CP&L believes the system will be fully operational by February 11, 1983. If any additional problems occur, CP&L will notify your staff.

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Summary

Carolina Power & Light Company is continuing to work to place the Post Accident Sampling System into operation as quickly as prudently possible. Carolina Power & Light now believes that the most realistic date for the system to be fully operational is February 11, 1982.


Yours very truly,



B. J. Furr  
Vice President  
Nuclear Operations

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B. J. Furr, having been first duly sworn, did depose and say that the information contained herein is true and correct to his own personal knowledge or based upon information and belief.



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