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Subject: McGuire Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-369 and -370
Catawba Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-413, and -414
Oconee Nuclear Station
Docket Numbers 50-269, -270 and -287
Duke Power Company Requested SER Dates for Topical
Reports

On January 27, 1998, Duke Power Company met with the NRC to discuss topical report schedules for reports supporting both the Duke transition to Westinghouse fuel on the McGuire and Catawba plants and the Duke transition to FCF MkB11 fuel at Oconee. This meeting is documented in NRC's letter, Subject: Meeting Summary-Meeting of January 27, 1998, Regarding Proposed Revisions of Topical Reports (TAC NOS. MA0228 and MA0229), dated February 10, 1998.

Subsequent to this meeting Mr. David LaBarge initiated a call to R.M.Gribble of Duke Power Company expressing NRC's concerns over NRC's resources to perform topical report reviews. Mr. LaBarge requested justification for Duke's need dates for the MkB11 transition, as communicated by Duke to NRC during the above referenced January 27, 1998 meeting.

At NRC's request Duke management reconsidered these dates and has decided to delay implementation of the MkB11 fuel. The first full batch was initially scheduled for implementation on Oconee 3 Cycle 19. This has been delayed approximately 8 months to Oconee 1 cycle 20. This delay was made for two reasons: (1) NRC's resource limitations and (2) Duke's desire to be able to complete two full cycles of irradiation and PIE examinations of the ongoing Oconee Unit 2 MkB11 LTA program prior to making a full batch commitment.

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As a result, Duke requests the following changes from those discussed during the January 27, 1998 meeting.

| <u>Topical Title</u> | <u>Need Date</u> | <u>Revised SER Submittal</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. FCF MkB11 Fuel Assembly Design Topical (BAW-10229P) | 9/30/97 | 8/99 |
| 2. FCF BWU Critical Heat Flux Correlations Addendum 1 (BAW-10199P) | 9/96 | 9/98 |
| 3. Duke Thermal-Hydraulic Statistical Core Design Methodology, Addendum D (DPC-NE-2005) | 4/22/97 | 6/99 |
| 4. Duke UFSAR Chapter 15 Transient Analysis Methodology (DPC-NE-2005-P) | 7/30/97 | 10/98* |
| 5. Duke Thermal Hydraulic Transient Analysis Methodology Revision (DPC-NE-3000-PA, Rev 2) | 12/97 | 10/98* |

* Note: SER need date was not revised; topical report is needed to support Improved Technical Specifications.

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