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Subject: Thirty (30) Day Special Report
Inoperable Radiation Monitor
R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant
Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Vissing:

Radiation Accident Monitoring Instrument R-14A was inoperable for more than seven days. In accordance with the Ginna Station Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM) Procedure CHA-RETS-ODCM, Section III.A.2.a.iii and Table III-2, the following constitutes a Special Report outlining the action taken, the cause of the inoperability and the plans and schedule for restoring the system to operable status.

On February 2, 1997, the Plant Process Computer System (PPCS) received alarms on all points for Plant Vent Radiation Monitor R-14A. In response to these alarms, personnel at the local R-14A skid identified that the alarm was from low sample flow and that the sample pump would not maintain the desired flow rate. Plant administrative controls were initiated to track the apparent inoperability of the R-14A system and to investigate / repair the problem.

The skid was flushed, and the desired flow rate was reestablished. The R-14A system continued to operate and function properly. Monitoring equipment was subsequently placed on the pump, and no anomalies were observed or recorded.

On February 10, 1997, the R-14A skid was taken out of service to perform an annual calibration. No calibration parameters were found out of tolerance. The monitoring equipment was reinstalled on February 10, after completion of the calibration, and the R-14A system continued to operate satisfactorily. Although the R-14A system was being administratively tracked as inoperable since February 2, 1997, it was operating in its normal manner. Therefore, R-14A would have performed its intended functions in the intended manner.

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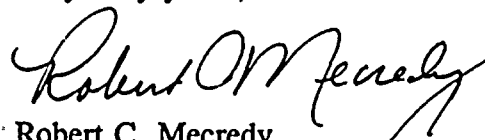
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On February 17, 1997, it was observed that the moisture separator on the flow regulator had caused a reduction in flow rate. The ball that stops moisture from entering the R-14A pump had been sucked up into the flow regulator intake opening. Once the ball was released, the desired flow rate reestablished itself. The cause of the inadvertent plugging of the moisture separator is believed to be the result of vibration, in the area of the local skid, that was not adequately dampened by the pump insulating bushings.

Corrective actions have been taken to reduce the effect of vibration by replacing the insulating bushings. Performance monitoring of R-14A will be conducted to identify any change in vibration.

The R-14A system has been returned to service.

Very truly yours,



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