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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Dear Mr. Schwencer:

This is in reference to your draft environmental impact statement entitled "Operation of WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 2 - Docket No. 50-397." The enclosed comment from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is forwarded for your consideration.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to provide this comment, which we hope will be of assistance to you. We would appreciate receiving four copies of the final environmental impact statement.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Miki  
Director of Regulatory Policy

Enclosure Memo from: Richard E. Hallgren  
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TO : PP/EC - Joyce Wood

FROM : OA/W - Richard E. Hallgren *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: DEIS 8108.12 - Operation of WPPSS Nuclear Project No. 2 -  
Docket No. 50-397

We recommend that the emergency preparedness planning discussed in section 5.8.2.1.3.3 (p. 5-34) explicitly addresses any special meteorological or hydrological forecast services required in the event of an emergency of the National Weather Service. Contact should be made with the NOAA/NWS Forecast Office, Seattle, Washington, for such planning. Also, we request that any studies showing potential downstream or downwind dispersion patterns of radioactive materials be sent to our Seattle office.

We note that WNP-2 is being built in the last "run-of-the-river," or natural stretch of the Columbia - the reach below Priest Rapids Dam. We assume that the power facility is in an area which will not be part of the backwater of any future dam sites. Also, the licensee should make sure that the plant site is evaluated in Columbia River dam break analyses prepared by either the NWS or the Corps of Engineers, North Pacific Division, Portland, Oregon.



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