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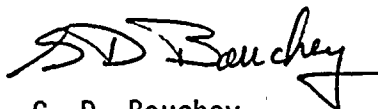
Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSURANCE GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

In confirmation of a February 9, 1983, meeting between Messrs. R. Auluck and J. Gilray of your staff and Messrs. R.M. Nelson, M.M. Monopoli, et al of the Supply System the attached descriptions of responsibilities for the Nuclear Safety Assurance Group are provided. The subject of the meeting was a Supply System organization change affecting Corporate and Plant QA organizations during which the WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance Group was discussed. The attached descriptions are the revised Supply System response to TMI concerns I.B.1.2, "Independent Safety Engineering Group", and I.C.5, "Procedures for Feedback of Operating Experience to Plant Staff". These changes will be incorporated in a forthcoming amendment to the WNP-2 Final Safety Analysis Report.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. R.M. Nelson, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,



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It is expected that the ISEG may interface with the quality assurance (QA) organization, but preferably should not be an integral part of the QA organization.

The functions of the ISEG require daily contact with the operating personnel and continued access to plant facilities and records. The ISEG review functions can, therefore, best be carried out by a group physically located onsite. However, for utilities with multiple sites, it may be possible to perform portions of the independent safety assessment function in a centralized location for all the utility's plants. In such cases, an onsite group still is required, but it may be slightly smaller than would be the case if it were performing the entire independent safety assessment function. Such cases will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

At this time, the requirement for establishing an ISEG is being applied only to applicants for operating licenses in accordance with Action Plan Item I.B.1.2. The staff intends to review this activity in about a year to determine its effectiveness and to see whether changes are required. Applicability to operating plants will be considered in implementing long-term improvements in organization and management for operating plants (Action Plan Item I.B.1.1).

WNP-2 Position

The Supply System has established a Nuclear Safety Assurance group for WNP-2 within the Licensing and Assurance Directorate as shown in Figure I.B.1.2-1. The onsite Nuclear Safety Assurance group (comprised of a minimum of one supervisor and two engineers) is supplemented by offsite technical expertise from within the Licensing and Assurance Directorate as required with a minimum of two qualified engineers available to support the WNP-2 assurance group. The WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance group is independent of the line management responsible for power production and chartered with ensuring and improving operational nuclear safety of the WNP-2 plant.

The functions of the WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance group include the following:

- a. Evaluation of procedures important to safe operation of WNP-2 for technical adequacy and clarity.

- b. Evaluation of plant operations from a safety perspective.

c. Evaluation of the operating experience of WNP-2. The function to provide recommendations on safety-related operating concerns and incidents regarding operating experiences and records of other plants of similar design is assessed for applicability to WNP-2.

- d. Overall assessment of WNP-2 plant performance regarding conformance to safety requirements.

- e. Other matters relating to safe operation of WNP-2 that independent review deems appropriate for consideration.

The qualification and training requirements for the Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager are comparable to that described in Section 4.2 of ANS 3.1, Draft Revision, dated March 13, 1981. Other qualifications and training requirements meet ANS 3.1, Draft Revision, dated March 13, 1981, Section 4.2 or 4.4 or equivalent as described in Section 4.1.

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NUCLEAR SAFETY ASSURANCE ORGANIZATION

FIGURE
I.B.1. 2-1

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The following summary presents the essence of the final procedure(s):

- a. The WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance group initiates a review of operating experience material utilizing technical expertise within the Supply System as appropriate. Extraneous and unimportant information is sorted out and conflicting opinions resolved.
- b. Following this review, the WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager supplies detailed information to the appropriate section manager for dissemination to identified recipients (supervisory personnel, STAs, operators, maintenance personnel, health physics technicians, etc.).
- c. It is the responsibility of the appropriate section manager receiving the operating experience information to provide the information to the training section for inclusion in the retraining program and to disseminate the information directly to the identified recipients if a more rapid transmittal is appropriate.
- d. The WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager, with assistance from the appropriate section manager, makes recommendations to the Plant Manager on the need for procedure changes or plant modifications identified from the operating experience review. Those changes deemed appropriate by the Plant Manager are then processed as described in the Plant Administrative Procedures.
- e. The WNP-2 Training Manager is responsible for incorporating into the training program the information received from the operating experience review program. To prevent conflicting or contradictory information being conveyed to plant personnel, the Training Manager clears through the WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager any operating experience information received from other sources.

- f. The WNP-2 Nuclear Safety Assurance Manager is responsible for periodic surveillance of the entire operating experience review process. Particular attention is paid to appropriate and timely incorporation of procedure change and plant modification recommendations resulting from the review of operating experiences. Operational QA periodically audits the operating experiences review program.

