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Subject: SUPPLY SYSTEM NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
USE OF WNP-2 SIMULATOR
FOR OPERATOR TRAINING

The Supply System will initiate training of WNP-2 Operators on the WNP-2 simulator starting in late February. The simulator was accepted from the manufacturer in August 1983. We are conducting tests on the simulator, using plant procedures, and noting deficiencies which exist in both the hardware and software. The deficiencies are being corrected on a priority basis to maximize the simulator's usefulness for training. We expect to continue to upgrade both the simulator hardware and software with the goal of meeting the intent of RG 1.149.

In evaluating our overall training program for WNP-2 Operators it is our judgement that the WNP-2 simulator will provide the best training when compared to alternatives such as using non-plant specific simulators or walk through training at the plant. Those deficiencies which remain during training will not be of a magnitude such that negative training is received by the operators.

The Supply System has procedures in place to identify simulator deficiencies and inform instructors of those areas of plant procedures which are affected. In addition, we have resources available to correct deficiencies on a priority basis.

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OPERATOR TRAINING

Our current schedule is to conduct turbine controller training in late February through mid-March, conduct Requalification training starting in early April, and to initiate Hot License training in early June, 1984.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. John Wyrick, (509) 377-8267.



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