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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Gentlemen:

Subject: NUCLEAR PLANT NO. 2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21
RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 87-05 ASSESSMENT OF
MEASURES TO MITIGATE AND/OR IDENTIFY POTENTIAL
DEGRADATION OF CONTAINMENT

Reference: Letter, G02-88-035, GC Sorensen (SS) to NRC,
same subject, dated February 8, 1988

In the attachment to the reference letter, the Supply System indicated that we would continue to perform a weekly surveillance on six of the eight sand pocket drains, and the remaining two drains (157 and 202 degrees azimuth) would be added when drain valves were installed. On September 18, 1990, the last of the drain valves was installed, and those two drains were then added to the weekly surveillance.

The Supply System has been performing weekly surveillances since late 1983 for six of the eight drains, and since September, 1990 for the remaining two. To date no water has been detected since the inception of this monitoring program. Based on the success of this program, the Supply System has determined that weekly surveillances are no longer necessary. Beginning May 1, 1991, these surveillances will be performed on a monthly basis. This monthly monitoring will be in addition to the twice yearly air sampling (humidity measurement) of all eight sand pocket drain lines for detection of increased moisture levels, which has been performed since 1989 with no evidence of leakage into the sand pocket region. Should any water be detected in the future, we will evaluate the situation and advise the Staff of our plans at that time.

Very truly yours,

G. C. Sorensen

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Dear Mr. Oksen:

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL EVENTS WHILE SHUTDOWN

The NRC has just issued Information Notice 91-22, "Four Plant Outage Events Involving Loss of AC Power or Coolant Spills," which addresses recent events that occurred during shutdown operations.

The chief purpose of this information notice is to notify each licensee that the high rate of precursor events to loss of decay heat removal during shutdown is a source of concern to the NRC. All of the events discussed in this information notice occurred during a one-week period in March 1991. Because of the potential for loss of a critical safety function in these and similar events, I believe a high level of management attention is required in the planning, coordination, and execution of shutdown operations.

While this information notice does not require specific licensee action or response, I urge you to give this important matter your personal attention.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Thomas E. Murley

Thomas E. Murley, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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