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Mr. James G. Keppler, Regional Director  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement  
Region III  
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

The attachment to this letter provides the required response to your letter dated August 31, 1981 in which you requested our schedule for implementing a radiation technician training program.

Very truly yours,

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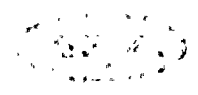
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On July 27, 1981, a Radiation Protection Supervisor was relieved of his normal responsibilities and assigned to Radiation Protection Technician training. On that date formal training was begun for the Radiation Protection Technicians as well as the individuals in the student co-operative training program. The present training program is based on a combination of a) an accelerated version of the program utilized previously with only part-time training supervision, b) results of recent technician testing, and c) initial feedback from both technicians and other Radiation Protection Supervisors on areas of weakness in current training.

This supervisor is also charged with the development of a formalized, long term technician training program. The development of the training program will be a two stage process to be accomplished concurrently with the present high level of activity in technician training. We have also initiated efforts to survey existing training programs to help provide uniformity and maximum effectiveness by taking advantage of experience of other utilities.

The first phase of program development is the preparation of a document specifying the guiding principles such as personnel responsibilities, training program goals, methods of instruction, assessment, documentation, retraining, etc. The second phase of development is the production of training details such as topics, lesson plans, schedules, etc.

To avoid decreasing the current level of technician training and to allow adequate time to factor in experience in our program as well as programs at other plants, the first phase of the program development will be completed by 1 January, 1982, with the second phase developed over the following six months, with the total program completed by 1 July, 1982.

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