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NOTIFICATION OF CHANGING COMMITMENTS TO GENERIC LETTER 83-28
AND GENERIC LETTER 90-03 RESPONSES

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: W. T. Russell

July 8, 1994

Dear Mr. Russell:

This letter is being submitted to inform you of our intent to modify our vendor contact program as described in our letters AEP:NRC:0838B (March 30, 1984), AEP:NRC:0838R (December 31, 1985), AEP:NRC:0838T (June 16, 1986), and AEP:NRC:0838AH (July 9, 1990). These letters were submitted in response to Generic Letter 83-28 and Generic Letter 90-03 (and its supplement). As stated in our responses concerning the vendor contact program, we are committed to annually contact all vendors who have safety related equipment installed at D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant. The purpose of contacting each vendor is to ensure that we possess the current documentation (manuals, technical bulletins, etc.) for our safety-related equipment.

Generic Letter 90-03 relaxed Generic Letter 83-28 requirements concerning which equipment should be included in a vendor contact program. The equipment required in the vendor contact program per Generic Letter 90-03 includes all safety-related components within the NSSS scope and other key safety-related components (diesel generators, electrical switchgear, batteries, invertors, battery chargers, auxiliary feed pumps, cooling water pumps, and valve operators). Also, Generic Letter 90-03 states that the licensee should consider operating experience, vendor information availability, and probabilistic risk assessment results in determining the set of vendors which should be contacted. To satisfy these requirements, we were very conservative and committed to contact all vendors whose safety-related equipment is installed at the plant.

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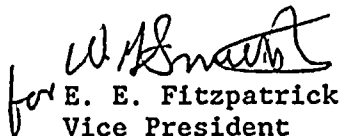
With almost 300 vendors to contact annually, our approach to contact all of these vendors has proven to be impractical. The program has become burdensome in the areas of resources and expenditures. In addition to the large number of vendors we are required to contact, considerable effort has to be exerted to solicit the required information from many who do not respond to our inquiries. In spite of our efforts, some of the vendors do not respond.

In order to alleviate this burden, we decided to reassess our commitments concerning our vendor contact program. In our review of the generic letters, we determined that we are committed to a vendor contact program that greatly exceeds the requirements. As a result of this review, we have decided to modify our program to eliminate the vendors whose equipment does not fall within the requirements of Generic Letter 90-03 and its supplement. The new program will reduce the required number of annual contacts to approximately 40 vendors.

In addition to the above change and since letters AEP:NRC:0838B and AEP:NRC:038AH, we have revised our procedures. The plant nuclear records management (NRM) section is responsible for receiving all vendor documents. The plant engineering department is responsible for classifying and determining distribution of the vendor documents.

In making the changes described above, we will be able to more effectively focus our vendor contact program on the equipment most important to protect the public health and safety.

Sincerely,


for E. E. Fitzpatrick
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