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TELEPHONE AREA 704  
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Mr. James P. O'Reilly, Director  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Region II  
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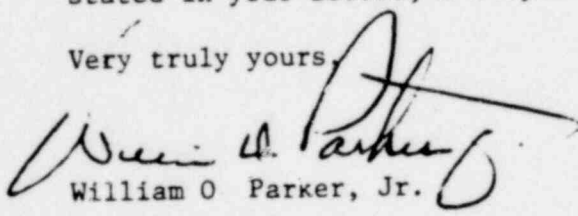
RE: RII:FJ  
50-269/79-14  
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50-287/79-15

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

With regard to Mr. R. C. Lewis' letter of July 17, 1979, which transmitted IE Inspection Report 50-269/79-14, 50-270/79-14, and 50-287/79-15, Duke Power Company does not consider the information to be proprietary.

Please find attached our response to the Notice of Violation, Item B. As stated in your letter, a response to Item A is not requested.

Very truly yours,

  
William O. Parker, Jr.

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Attachment

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DUKE POWER COMPANY  
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Response to IE Inspection Report  
50-269/79-14, 50-270/79-14, 50-287/79-14

Item A

No response requested.

Item B

As required by Technical Specification 6.4.1.b, procedures shall be followed during refueling operations.

Contrary to the above, on or before May 24, 1979, valve 3LP-59 was opened without an approved procedure or an out of normal authorization and failure to properly control this valve contributed to a radioactive liquid spill.

Response

This valve and similar valves on Units 1, 2 were closed or verified closed as required by the system procedure.

In order to prevent recurrence of this event, several actions were initiated. Operators have been instructed to immediately secure any non-emergency transfer of water when waste inventories show a rapid increase. A modification request has been initiated which, when installed, will alleviate design deficiencies which contributed to the occurrence of this event. Full design details and schedule for completion are not available.

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