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Re: Intervenors, Colemans' motion for
Supplementation of Answers

Gentlemen:

I have enclosed herewith as an additional exhibit in support of Intervenors, Colemans', motion for supplementation of answers to interrogatories by licensee: the LER filed by Public Service concerning the grid strap problem. This Reportable occurrence document states in relevant portion that:

"At approximately 1500 hours, difficulty was encountered in removing assembly C-30 from the reactor core. A visual inspection after removal showed that the bottom north-west corner grid strap was missing." (Emphasis added).

Inasmuch as the NRC meeting summary pertaining to this matter (maximum size of dislodged piece 5 sq.) inches of strap were found to have

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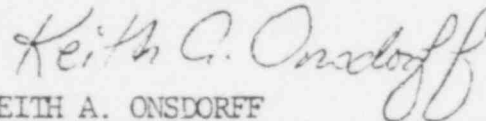
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separated from these fuel assembly support structures report of a completely missing strap raises a substantial question of precisely what the facts are in this safety matter.

Accordingly, a full report on this incident and a description of its implications for the spent fuel pool is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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RELATED CORRESPONDENCE

June 1, 1979

TO BE FILED IN

REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE FILE

Mr. Boyce H. Grier
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631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Dear Mr. Grier:

LICENSE NO. DPR-70
DOCKET NO. 50-272
REPORTABLE OCCURRENCE 79-44/03L

Pursuant to the requirements of Salem Generating Station Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications, Section 6.9.3.9, we are submitting Licensee Event Report for Reportable Occurrence 79-44/03L. This report is required within thirty (30) days of the occurrence.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed
E. P. Librizzi

F. P. Librizzi
General Manager -
Electric Production



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Report Number: 79-44/03L
Report Date: 6/01/79
Occurrence Date: 5/06/79
Facility: Salem Generating Station
Public Service Electric & Gas Company
Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey 08038

IDENTIFICATION OF OCCURRENCE:

Damaged Fuel Assemblies

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO OCCURRENCE:

Refueling Mode 6

DESCRIPTION OF OCCURRENCE:

At approximately 1500 hours, difficulty was encountered in removing assembly C-30 from the reactor core. A visual inspection after removal showed that the bottom north-west corner grid strap was missing. The adjacent assembly was inspected with no damage noted. Previous assemblies removed for inspection had shown no apparent damage. As the fuel shuffle continued, more assemblies were found to have damaged grid straps. In view of the problems encountered during the fuel shuffle and the fuel assemblies found with damaged grid straps, Salem management decided to remove all original core fuel assemblies and conduct extensive inspection of the assemblies, the reactor vessel and handling equipment. Twenty-eight assemblies have since been identified as having cracked, dented or torn grid straps.

APPARENT CAUSE OF THE OCCURRENCE:

The cause of this occurrence has not been determined at this time.

ANALYSIS OF OCCURRENCE:

Westinghouse and Public Service Engineers are evaluating the results of the video taped inspection of the fuel assemblies and reviewing station operations during the fuel shuffle. Their analysis of the occurrence will be included in a supplemental report.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Corrective action will be determined after evaluating the inspection results and will be included in a supplemental report.

FAILURE DATA:

Not Applicable

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CAUSE DESCRIPTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (27)

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