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Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Subject: Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station
Docket No. 50-395

Dear Mr. Denton:

We have been advised by the Licensing Project Manager assigned to the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, that portions of the technical review have been suspended due to the re-assignment of personnel to the Three Mile Island investigations. In our meeting with you on June 13, 1979, you requested a two-week grace period so that you could work on improving your in-house scheduling activities to be better able to handle those projects requiring near term operating licenses. You specifically advised us not to change our fuel load dates.

We were scheduled to conduct the cold hydro at the Summer facility in November of this year and are extremely pleased to tell you we expect to improve the cold hydro date to September. We are geared to make our fuel load of July, 1980, and this substantial improvement in our cold hydro reinforces our conviction for fuel load date.

We have an in-house committee that meets regularly, attends ACRS, critiques with Westinghouse and this week considered results of the Lessons Learned Task Group. We are pleased that we are in "pretty good shape" with the engineering and design aspects reflected from the above!

We feel our record has been one of candor and we have a high regard for your openness. As you know, the Summer docket is a contested proceeding and we are concerned that the staff may not be able to support our effort without the immediate or near term issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report.

Shortly, our in-house committee will have our status tied down with respect to the Lessons Learned items and we will ask to meet with you to give you the full scope of our prevention analysis.

Meanwhile, we solicit your aid in developing actions that will support our schedule.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Crews, Jr.

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