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September 26, 1979

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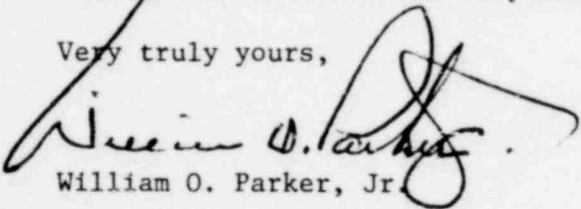
Re: RII:CMH  
50-269/79-20  
50-270/79-18  
50-287/79-20

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

With regard to Mr. J. T. Sutherland's letter of September 10, 1979 transmitting Inspection Report 50-269/79-20, -270/79-18, and -287/79-20, Duke Power Company does not consider the report to be proprietary.

Please find attached our response to the cited item of noncompliance.

Very truly yours,

  
William O. Parker, Jr.

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Response to IE Inspection Report  
50-269/79-20, 50-270/79-18, 50-287/79-20

Based on the NRC inspection August 6-10, 1979, certain of your activities were apparently not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements as indicated below. These items have been categorized as described in correspondence to you dated December 31, 1974.

As required by 10 CFR 20.203(c)(2), each entrance or access point to a high radiation area shall be maintained locked except during period when access to the area is required, with positive control over each individual entry.

Contrary to the above, on August 6, 1979, positive control over each individual entry was not maintained in that a set of keys (number 144) was found in the door leading to the waste gas decay tank room. The keys could have been used to gain access to a number of high radiation areas in the auxiliary building.

This is an infraction. A similar item was brought to your attention in our letter dated December 12, 1978.

Response

This particular deficiency resulted from a lack of effective administrative control of high radiation area keys. An unknown person failed to sign out and keep custody of key set no. 144. To prevent recurrence of this type deficiency, Station Directive 3.8.22 was approved on September 17, 1979. This directive assigns direct control of high radiation area keys to a Health Physics employee who also audits the keys daily. This action is considered to be sufficient to prevent additional recurrence.

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