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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation  
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Mr. D. G. Eisenhower, Acting Director  
Division of Operating Reactors

Gentlemen:

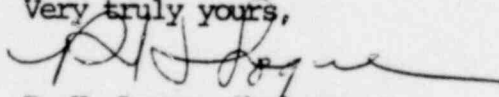
SUBJECT: Mark I Containment Program  
NRC Request for Additional Full Scale Condensation  
Oscillation Tests

Reference: Letter, D. G. Eisenhower to all BWR Licensees, dated  
October 2, 1979, "Confirmatory Requirements Relating  
to Condensation Oscillation Loads for the Mark I  
Containment Long Term Program"

The NRC staff is developing acceptance criteria to be used in the implementation of the Mark I Containment Long Term Program. One of these criteria requires additional tests in the Mark I Full Scale Test Facility (FSTF) to confirm the conservatism in the condensation oscillation loads specified in the Mark I Program Load Definition Report (LDR). The reference NRC letter requests that by October 31, 1979 each Mark I Owner commit, on behalf of the Mark I Owners Group as a whole, to perform these additional FSTF tests.

A commitment to perform additional FSTF tests represents a major decision by the Mark I Owners Group. The technical evaluation of the need to do more testing, the cost and schedule considerations, as well as how any data will affect the plant unique evaluations must all be considered. Utility managements are being consulted to provide proper consideration of this commitment. Some Mark I Owners have not received the reference letter in a timely manner so it would be extremely difficult to obtain the necessary utility review and discussion by October 31, 1979. Additionally, proper utility review involves a Mark I Owners Group meeting on this subject and one has been scheduled for mid-November. As discussed with the NRC staff Task Manager of the Mark I Program, this letter is provided on behalf of all the Mark I Owners to advise you that individual Mark I utility response to the reference NRC letter will be provided by November 30, 1979.

Very truly yours,



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Mark I Owners Group

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