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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attention: Mr. R. H. Engelken, Director

Subject: SUPPLY SYSTEM NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
POTENTIALLY REPORTABLE DEFICIENCY - 10CFR50.55(e)
SPRAY POND LEAKAGE

Reference: Letter, G02-81-51, dated March 5, 1981

An interim report on the "potentially reportable" condition regarding leakage from Spray Pond "A" was provided by the reference letter. Our evaluation of this condition could not be completed in the estimated time.

We now estimate that a final report will be issued by October 1, 1981. An updated interim report is attached.

Very truly yours,


R. G. Matlock
Program Director, WNP-2

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Attachment

cc: WS Chin - BPA
ND Lewis - EFSEC, Olympia
TA Mangelsdorf - Bechtel 954K
RC Root - B&R Site 901A
RE Snaith - B&R NY
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Interim Report

POTENTIALLY REPORTABLE CONDITION WPPSS NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2 SPRAY POND LEAKAGE

WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM
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Potential Problem and Reference Notification

In early January, 1981, Ultimate Heat Sink Spray Pond A was filled with water. After a few days, it was observed that the water level had dropped. Water level and evaporation data were then taken to determine if a leak existed. A leakage of approximately 65 gpm was identified. Notification of a potentially reportable condition was made on February 9, 1981. Subsequently more data was taken on leakage from both spray ponds. It indicates that the leakage is approximately 40 gpm for Spray Pond A and 80 gpm for Spray Pond B.

Approach to Resolution

The spray ponds water levels were lowered by pumping to 1/2 full and 1/3 full. Subsequent preliminary calculations considering the respective leakage rates indicated that the leakage is through the walls. This remains to be confirmed.

Status of Proposed Resolution

Upon verification of the calculations a decision will be made whether to perform further confirmatory testing or not.

Delay of the Final Report

The final report is being delayed until the leakage path has been identified and an appropriate solution determined.

Projected Completion of Corrective Action and Submittal Date of Completed Report

Any corrective action that may be identified will be initiated and the final report submitted by October 1, 1981.

NRC Commitments

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Resp. Engineer: LW Vance

Due Date: October 1, 1981

Summary: Letter transmits interim report on subject, stating
a final report will be issued by October 1, 1981