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Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
Docket No. 50-416
License No. NPF-13
File: 0260/15525/15526
I. E. Report 416/83-22 of
May 23 - 27, 1983
AECM-83/0427

Reference: MAEC-83/0195, dated June 27, 1983.

This letter provides our response to NRC Violation 416/83-22-01 transmitted by your letter of June 27, 1983. The due date for this response was extended to August 8, 1983 during a telephone discussion with Mr. Paul Fredrickson of your office.

Yours truly,

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Manager of Nuclear Services

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Attachment

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RESPONSE TO NRC VIOLATION 416/83-22-01

I. ADMISSION OR DENIAL OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION

Mississippi Power & Light Company (MP&L) admits to the alleged violation.

II. THE REASONS FOR THE VIOLATION IF ADMITTED

The individuals performing the evaluations did not properly differentiate the meanings of the questions in paragraphs (i) and (ii). Consequently, they believed the requirement was adequately met by referencing paragraph (i) when answering paragraph (ii).

III. THE CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

The subject DCP's have been re-evaluated and an adequate basis for determination that they do not constitute an unreviewed safety question (USQ) has been provided. It should be noted that the original reviewers did not reach erroneous conclusions, but rather, failed to properly document the rationale for their conclusions.

Additional training was provided to members of the Nuclear Plant Engineering (NPE) staff on format and content of USQ determinations.

IV. CORRECTIVE STEPS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLATIONS

NPE Procedure 01-304 will be revised to provide additional instructions for the conduct of these reviews. NPE personnel responsible for conducting these reviews will receive instruction on the revised procedure.

As a matter of further information, a subcommittee of the MP&L Corporate Safety Review Committee has reviewed approximately 600-700 USQ determinations associated with various changes and tests. Those that the subcommittee believed did not contain sufficient documentation to support the conclusion have been returned in order to have the justification strengthened. This process is ongoing in accordance with Technical Specification requirements.

V. THE DATE WHEN FULL COMPLIANCE WILL BE ACHIEVED

The revision to NPE Procedure 01-304 will be issued and instruction on its content will be complete by September 15, 1983.