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Mr. Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director
Division of Licensing
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Generic Letter 83-28 - Generic Implications
of Salem Event - B&W Owners Group
Schedule Change Request

Gentlemen:

Since the Salem event in February 1983, the B&W Owners Group has been actively involved in understanding the background implications of the event and in developing programs to address them.

Our efforts began with the Regulatory Response Group (RRG) activities in March 1983, and are continuing with the ATWS Standing Committee. The ATWS Committee, coordinating with other Owners Group Technical Committees, assumed the overall Owners Group responsibilities for Salem in April 1983, and is actively involved in developing programs to address the subject Generic Letter.

We have attempted to keep you informed of our activities and progress through periodic correspondence, visits, telecons and most recently a meeting with your staff on August 26, 1983. Our progress to date, we believe, has been significant and has resulted in the development of new programs and activities which should provide for enhanced safety at our facilities.

The scope and magnitude of the Salem issues combined with some logistical problems in coordinating several utilities geographically located a considerable distance apart has not allowed us to progress to the point we feel that fully responsive information can be provided by September 6, 1983 (60-day submittal), and therefore we request a 30-day extension to that schedule. We do not intend this schedule change to effect our 120 day submittals. This extension will allow for additional meetings of the Owners Group Committees thus assuring that proper thought, detail, and scope have been considered.

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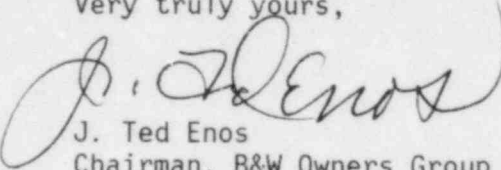
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We share the staff's concerns with regard to the seriousness of the Salem issues and assure you that we are and will continue to devote appropriate resources to resolution of these issues.

As the subject Generic Letter requested information under the provisions of 10CFR50.54, each individual B&W utility will docket a letter referencing this schedule change request.

We have discussed this extension with some members of your staff and understand it is acceptable. As the 60 days expires on September 6, 1983, please contact us as soon as possible with regard to your approval.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Ted Enos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "E".

J. Ted Enos
Chairman, B&W Owners Group
Standing Committee for ATWS

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