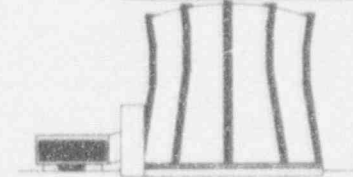
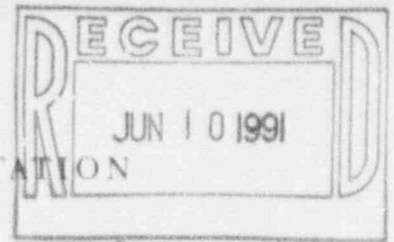


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Mr. A. Bill Beach, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000  
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Beach:

This letter is to confirm my report by phone to Mr. Seidel of a reportable occurrence under our Technical Specification 3.5.1, "Radiation Monitoring".

On 7 June 1991, the reactor was operated for 30 minutes at 1 MW without the Facility Air Monitors in operation. I was the Senior Reactor Operator who started up the reactor, and I was previously aware that the Facility Air Monitors were not in operation. I did not become aware of the violation until I was informed of the problem by the Reactor Supervisor on Monday morning, 10 June 1991. Mr. Donald Feltz, Director of the Nuclear Science Center, has removed me from watch standing duties as a result of this incident. A final report of all the findings concerning this incident will be forwarded to your office upon its completion. If you have any questions in regard to this report, please contact me at (409) 845-7551.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Ives, Manager  
Reactor Operations

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xc: K. R. Hall, Deputy Director, Texas Eng. Exp. Station  
F. Jennings, Chairman, Reactor Safety Board

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