

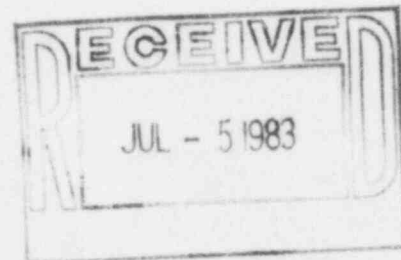


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SUBJECT: Arkansas Nuclear One - Unit 1  
Docket No. 50-313  
License No. DPR-51  
Closeout of Open Item 7725-29  
(Ref: Inspection Report 50-313/77-25)

Gentlemen:

During a recent review of various NRC commitments, a discrepancy was discovered relative to an open item (OI) cited in Inspection Report 50-313/77-25 dated January 3, 1978, (1CNA017806). Specifically, open item 7725-29 stated "Insertion of the dummy control rod to assure proper fit is to be added to Procedure 1503.02, (Fresh Fuel Inspection and Storage)." The open item was subsequently closed by NRC following the revision of Appendix B to Procedure 1503.02, Fresh Fuel Receipt, and Form NF11-2 to require a control rod be used to verify proper fit during the new fuel receipt inspection.

A subsequent revision, Revision 3 of Procedure 1503.02, now makes the requirement for control rod insertion optional. Our review of OI 7725-29 reinforces our position that this inspection is no longer necessary for the following reasons. Both Babcock and Wilcox and Combustion Engineering fuel manufacture quality assurance/quality control programs have extensive acceptable/approved inspection criteria. The AP&L inspection is primarily for detection of receipt/handling damage and not reverification of dimensional tolerances. The final safety significant check of control component to fuel

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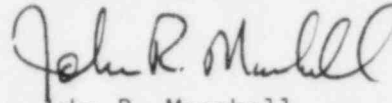
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assembly interface is acceptable rod drop times as given in the Technical Specifications. Thus, the additional requirement for control component insertion is not justifiable.

Based on the above, we do not plan to revise the affected procedure to reinstate the requirement for such inspections.

Very truly yours,



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