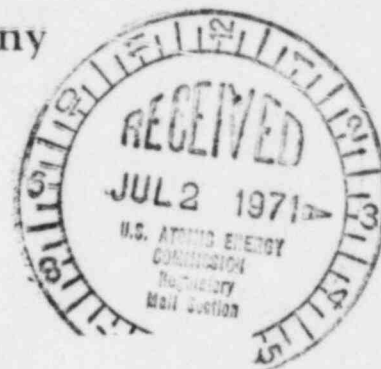


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Carolina Power & Light Company

Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

June 28, 1971



Dr. Peter A. Morris, Director
Division of Reactor Licensing
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

H. B. ROBINSON PLANT
LICENSE DPR-23

Dear Dr. Morris:

As pointed out by the Division of Compliance, Form 592, dated June 9, 1971, Carolina Power & Light Company failed to report the failure of the liquid radioactive waste evaporator installed in H. B. Robinson Unit No. 2 to meet performance specifications. In accordance with Paragraph 6.6.3, Technical Specifications, License DPR-23, it is reported that the performance of the liquid waste evaporator continues to be unsatisfactory.

The performance of this equipment has been of continuing concern to Carolina Power & Light Company. Westinghouse Electric Corporation is well aware of our concern and assures us that the resolution of this problem is receiving priority attention.

At present Westinghouse is making performance tests on the Ginna Plant of Rochester Gas & Electric Company, after having made modifications to the waste evaporator. The success of these modifications will determine if the same modifications will be made at Robinson. Additionally, the installation of polishing demineralizers downstream of the evaporator is being planned. It is hoped that these modifications will enable the liquid waste system to meet all performance objectives.

In the interim, Carolina Power & Light Company has contracted with an AEC licensed firm to transport low level radioactive liquid waste off site for disposal. An effort is being made to minimize liquid waste discharge and to keep these discharges to a fraction of the Technical Specification limits.

Yours very truly,

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