

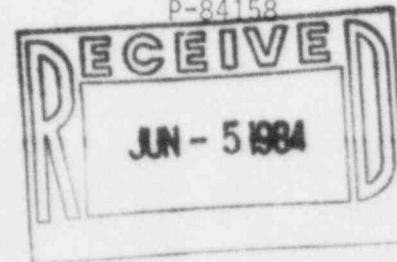


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Fort St. Vrain
Unit #1
P-84158



Mr. James Montgomery
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

SUBJECT: Deletion of General
Emergency Category

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

During discussions which took place in the August 9, 1983 meeting in Arlington, it was determined that Public Service Company would prepare a written submittal summarizing our position that a General Emergency classification is not appropriate to the Fort St. Vrain HTGR. This position is based on FSAR accident analyses which show that the radiological consequences of the design basis accident #1 (permanent loss of forced circulation) would not meet the criteria for declaration of a General Emergency.

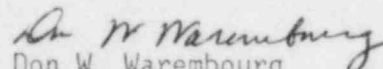
We recognize your need for more information before further consideration can be given to the request for deletion of this emergency category from plant guidelines and emergency action levels. Currently, however, manpower requirements are focused on post-refueling rise-t power testing and the preparation of the scenario and observer packages for the upcoming Radiological Emergency Exercise. After these immediate staff demands are met, we will furnish you with material in support of our request.

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We feel that the deletion of the General Emergency category is an important issue, and plan to submit material on or around June 30, 1984. If you have any questions before that time, please contact me at (303) 785-2223.

Very truly yours,


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