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September 6, 1984

Mr. J. A. Hind, Director
Division of Radiological and
Materials Safety Programs
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Dear Mr. Hind:

Docket 50-305
Operating License DPR-43
Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant
Inspection Report 84-07

Reference: Letter from J. A. Hind (US NRC) to C. W. Giesler (WPSC) dated
June 6, 1984, transmitting Inspection Report 50-305/84-07.

The attachment to this letter details our response to the item of noncompliance
identified by Mr. W. Snell of your office in Inspection Report 84-07 (DRSS).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. C. Hintz".

D. C. Hintz
Manager-Nuclear Power

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Attach.

cc - Mr. S. A. Varga, US NRC
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ATTACHMENT

RESPONSE TO ITEM OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INSPECTION REPORT 84-07

Item of Noncompliance

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Paragraph IV.E.9.a states in part that provisions for communications with contiguous State/Local governments within the plume exposure pathway EPZ shall be tested monthly. 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Paragraph IV.E.9.d states in part that provisions for communications by the licensee with NRC Headquarters and the appropriate NRC Regional Office Operations Center from the nuclear power reactor control room, the onsite technical support center, and the near-site emergency operations facility shall be tested monthly.

Contrary to the above, the National Warning System (NAWAS) communication link with State and Local agencies was not tested during June 1984. In addition, the NRC Emergency Notification System (ENS) and Health Physics Network (HPN) communications link from the technical support center and near-site emergency operations facility were not tested during June 1984.

RESPONSE:

The failure to perform the communications tests during the month of June was due to not performing Technical Support Procedure 44-2 when scheduled. Hardware changes being made in the Emergency Communications System during this period were a contributing factor. Several of the NAWAS and ENS phones were being relocated and were tested for operability as they were completed, but this was not formally documented and the procedure (TSP 44-2) for testing the entire system was not completed. Subsequently, the communications system was tested per Procedure TSP 44-2 on July 12, 1984, and again on August 1, 1984. On both of these occasions, the Health Physics Network Communications Link at the EOF was not operational. (This has been a continuing problem and has been reported to the NRC Resident Inspector).

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Responsible personnel have been counseled as to the importance of performing these checks on the scheduled frequency and TSP 44-2 is being revised to include a reference to 10 CFR Part 5J, Appendix E, Paragraph IV.E.9.a to emphasize the importance of strict adherence to the procedure. The existing computerized planning and scheduling system for job tasks is adequate to ensure timely testing of the Emergency Communications System. Therefore, no other procedural changes are being made.

With the performance of TSP 44-2 on July 12, 1984 and August 1, 1984 WPSC is now in full compliance.