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Gentlemen:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of June 28, 1985 and a management meeting that will be held on July 11, 1985 at 1:00 p.m. at NRC Region I. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the findings of the recent NRC special inspection effort performed June 24-28, 1985, pertaining to the post accident sampling and monitoring requirements of NUREG-0737. Attached is a preliminary listing of the principal findings of the inspection that were brought to your attention in the exit interview conducted by Mr. J. R. White of our office on June 28, 1985.

At this meeting, you should be prepared to discuss actions taken or planned to effect acceptable capabilities in post-accident sampling and effluent monitoring, including design changes, modifications, procedure improvement and implementation schedules. We are particularly interested in your plans to improve management control, including planning, organization and coordinating of efforts in this area to achieve timely and complete resolution of these findings.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1

Review of II.B.3. - Post Accident Sampling Capability

NRC review in this area was directed towards assessing the licensee's capability to promptly obtain reactor coolant and containment atmosphere samples without incurring personnel exposures in excess of GDC 19 values. Based on the following observations, it was concluded the licensee's post accident sampling system (PASS) did not satisfy the requirements of NUREG 0737.

A. Reactor Coolant Sampling and Analysis

On-line System: Primary Sampling Capability

Review of various records and a functional test of the PASS system identified the following problems:

1. A coolant sample was not obtainable during PASS system drill.
2. Maintenance records indicate high system unavailability, with consequent negative impact on training and procedure development.
3. No complete, integrated test, utilizing all of the systems on-line equipment, has been performed.
4. PASS system capability to draw a low pressure RCS sample via LPSI has not been demonstrated.
5. PASS system analytical instrumentation has not been tested utilizing the standard test matrix.
6. No evaluation or verification of the PASS systems dilution capability has been performed.
7. The single test of the PASS system on-line isotopic analysis capability (performed 6/10/85) demonstrated errors of as high as a factor of 80 when compared to a sample taken and counted by normal methods.
8. The emergency procedure controlling operation of the PASS system was not useable. This procedure was out of date and did not reflect current design configurations.
9. The operator responsible for obtaining a sample during the PASS system drill did not appear familiar with the control panel. Time was spent in searching for valves and an incorrect valve was operated during the drill. The operator was also not aware that two separate keys

were needed to operate key control isolation valves on the system and initially responded to the panel with only 1 key. Additionally, the key set used was not able to operate all key controlled valves for both units, as originally intended by the licensee.

10. The time and motion study that evaluated obtaining a PASS sample only identified times for performing certain tasks and did not consider the exposure received in performing the task.
11. No procedure has been established for use of the ion chromatograph for chloride analysis.

B. Grab-Sample Backup Capability:

The licensee's Technical Specifications require a grab sample capability in the event of failure of the primary, on-line system. NRC assessment of this capability included a review of procedures, records, and a functional test of system performance. Based on the following observations, it was concluded the licensee did not demonstrate the ability to obtain a coolant grab-sample without exceeding the exposure limits contained in GDC 19.

1. No personnel were formally trained in the operation of the back-up system.
2. There is no approved procedure for operating the system. An unapproved draft procedure was used by the licensee during the drill.
3. There was no shielding present around the sample rig to reduce personnel exposure.
4. No time and motion study had been performed to demonstrate that a sample could be collected and analyzed within GDC 19 criteria.
5. Primary coolant was forced out of the top of the column when the operator extracted the sample from the sample bomb. This resulted in a loss of the sample and hood contamination.
6. The draft back-up analysis procedure did not contain provisions for performing the following required analyses: hydrogen, pH, and dissolved gas.
7. The chloride analysis procedure does not meet the minimum detection capability required, i.e., .8 ppm as compared to .15 ppm.

C. Containment Air Sampling

The capability to collect a containment air sample was successfully demonstrated by the licensee. The following problems were noted.

1. There is no sample line flow indicator in the system to demonstrate that an acceptable flow of gas is occurring as the sample is drawn.
2. Remote handling tools, lead gloves and a lead-lined apron are specified for use during sample collection. This equipment was not available for use by the operator.
3. The time and motion study analyzing this sampling procedure did not evaluate exposures associated with performing this evolution.
4. The syringe used to extract gas for analysis was not rated to the gas pressure that may occur in containment, and did not have a locking capability to prevent gaseous release during sample acquisition.

Review of II.F.1., Attachment 1 - Noble Gas Effluent Monitor

NRC review in this area was directed to assessing the licensee's capability for noble gas effluent monitoring during accident conditions. The licensee uses a Wide Range Effluent Gas Monitor (WRGM) System to monitor the plant main vent and stack; the Main Steam Effluent Radiation Monitor System will, when operational, monitor noble gas releases from the main steam line.

A. Wide Range Effluent Gas Monitor System

NRC review of this system's design and operational capabilities identified the following problems:

1. No study or evaluation to determine representativeness of the sample being collected has been performed. Consequently, iodine and particulate to line loss due to plateout has not been quantified.
2. A study to determine the adequacy of the present heat tracing system under all ambient temperature conditions has not been performed.
3. The majority of necessary Surveillance Test Procedures and associated Preventive Maintenance Procedures covering this system have not been developed.

4. Emergency procedures do not specifically reference the use of the WRGM system as an input method for obtaining stack release rate. A study evaluating WRGM detector response to varying isotope mixes seen at different time intervals after the accident was not evaluated by Emergency Planning as to its affects on ERPIP 4.4.3, 4.4.5.

B. Main Steam Effluent Radiation Monitoring System

This system is currently in the calibration and testing stage and has not been declared operational by the licensee. Commitments for system operability are:

- End of current outage for Unit 1;
- By 12/31/85 for Unit 2.

NRC assessment in this area identified the following:

1. Procedures and training controlling the use, maintenance and operation of this system have not been developed.
2. Calibration data showing detector response to noble gas activity rather than dose rate was not available during this inspection. This data will be required to relate monitor readout (mr/hr) to main steam activity.
3. Information was not available during the inspection demonstrating that the attenuation of low-energy gammas by the main steam line piping had been considered in determining monitor response.

Review of II.F.1, Attachment 2 - Sampling and
Analysis of Plant Effluents

The licensee is currently meeting II.F.1 Attachment 2 requirements for effluent monitoring of radioiodines in the accident condition by using the grab sample capability of the WRGM system. NRC review of this capability identified the following problems:

1. Potential iodine plateout during sampling has not been quantified. (see para. A.1 of previous section)
2. A time and motion study to evaluate if the grab sample could be obtained under accident conditions within the exposure guidelines of GDC 19 has not been done.
3. Chemistry technicians have not received formal training in the procedure governing filter collection.

4. Procedures controlling the subsequent laboratory handling and analysis of the sample were not in place.

During a walk through of the filter removal procedure (RCP 1-405) the following problems were identified:

5. Removal of the filter cask took two technicians approximately 20 minutes. To expedite removal, one technician had to exit the area to get another wrench. A quick-release method should be evaluated.
6. Remote handling tools were not available in the lab.

Review of I.F.1, Attachment 3 - Containment High Range Monitoring

NRC review of this area was directed to verifying that the installed equipment was calibrated positioned and environmentally qualified to the specifications of NUREG-0737. The following was noted:

1. Physical review of Unit 1 indicated the protection measures to assure environmental qualification, such as the use of RAYCHEM shrink tubing on penetration-to-cable connectors, were not employed.
2. The Rockbestos cable used for the installation still remains to demonstrate environmental qualification.