

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Office of Inspector and Auditor

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Report of Interview

David M. Verrelli, Chief, Reactor Projects Branch #1, Division of Reactor Projects, Region II, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), was telephoned concerning the events and circumstances of a September 23, 1983, meeting at the Region II offices between Mississippi Power and Light (MP&L) and Region II officials. He was also interviewed with respect to language used in a December 5, 1983, Confirmation of Action (COA) letter to MP&L. He provided the following information:

He generally recalls that the September 23, 1983, meeting concerned Agastat Relays at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS). He does not recall the events immediately following that meeting which related to an alleged intended submittal of an MP&L letter to NRC concerning deficiencies in the Operator Licensing Training Program at GGNS.

With respect to the language used ("Prior to exceeding 5% power") in a December 5, 1983 COA letter to MP&L (Exhibit 1), it, in effect, meant that before Region II recommended to the Commission that GGNS be issued a full power license, MP&L had to satisfy the commitments made in the COA letter. He noted that there would have been no basis for using language in the letter stating GGNS shall not operate. Although there were enough qualified reactor operators to satisfy shift manning requirements, MP&L had agreed in an October 18, 1983, meeting with Region II that they would not operate until the commitments later listed in the December 5, 1983, letter were fully satisfied.

He could not recall any discussions with his staff relative to the language used in the letter.

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Mississippi Power and Light Company  
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ACTION - GRAND GULF 1. DOCKET NO. 50-416

This refers to a meeting held in the Region II offices on November 18, 1983, with Mr. J. E. Richard, Senior Vice President, concerning matters related to work to be completed at Grand Gulf. With regard to the matters discussed, it is our understanding that Mississippi Power and Light Company (MP&L) will take the following actions:

1. Prior to exceeding 5% power, MP&L will complete the recertification program for the operating staff as described in MP&L's presentation to the NRC in the November 18, 1983 meeting and documented in your letter AECM-83/0750 dated November 21, 1983 and provide a report to this office of the results of the recertification program including supplemental training provided to the operating staff. The meeting summary was provided to MP&L in our letter of November 23, 1983.
2. Prior to exceeding 5% power, the Plant Safety Review Committee (PSRC) will conduct a complete review of previously identified plant discrepancy reports to assure that any safety related deficiencies in hardware or procedures are properly dispositioned. MP&L will provide a copy of the report of this review as approved by the PSRC to this office.
3. Prior to August 1, 1984, MP&L will conduct a review of plant administrative procedures and correct instances of improper use, as described in NRC Inspection Report 50-416/83-43, of the words "should" or "must".

In addition to the above, we have reviewed and concur in the actions you committed to accomplish in your letter AECM-83/0727 of November 10, 1983. We understand that you have removed from all licensed duties the individuals holding license numbers, Senior Reactor Operator SDF-20108, Senior Reactor Operator SDF-4216, Reactor Operator CF-6139 and Reactor Operator DF-6241, effective November 4, 1983. MP&L will provide supplementary training for these individuals in those areas where weaknesses in their training are identified. MP&L will provide the results of your review, and supplemental training provided, to this office prior to returning these individuals to licensed duties.

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Please inform this office immediately if your understanding is different from that stated above.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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