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Dear Mr. Cahill:

The NRC staff will shortly make its findings concerning the qualified load level of the TDI Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) at River Bend. Extended periods of operation of an engine above the qualified load level could result in damage, rendering the engine inoperable. Therefore, we are requesting that you develop engine operating procedures which provide proper guidance and instruction to operators against overloading the engines above the qualified load level. These procedures should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. No single operator error should cause the loading of more than one TDI engine in excess of its qualified load rating.
2. Procedures and training in place at River Bend should not call for an operator action that would cause the EDG load to exceed the qualified load.
3. The training program should adequately address the technical concerns associated with the qualified load limit on the EDG's.
4. If a situation were to occur that would, for some unspecified failure, cause the EDG to exceed the qualified load, the procedures and training should provide the necessary guidance to reduce the load below the qualified load within one hour.
5. Distinctive and unique instrumentation and alarms exist to warn operators when the EDG's are loaded above the qualified load.

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Please inform both NRC Project Manager Stephen Stern, and the NRC Region IV office when these procedures are developed in accord with the guidance in this letter and incorporated with other operating procedures at River Bend.

Sincerely,



for Walter R. Butler, Chief
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