

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE

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Facility: Marble Hill Units 1 and 2 (Public Service of Indiana)

Subject: RL/IE/UTILITY MEETING - SUBSTANTIVE QA FINDINGS

During the predocket Inspection for Marble Hill Units 1 and 2, several QA deviations were identified leading to the conclusion and recommendation by IE:III to reject the tendered application. One of the deviations (considered to be the most serious by IE) was the fact that neither Section 17 of the PSAR nor the QA Program Manual defined the application of the QA program to replicated portions of the facility. It is anticipated that the applicant will take issue with our finding on this matter. The applicant feels an understanding was reached with NRC on this and alludes to discussions with NRC in a letter to IE:III dated May 27, 1975. The letter states in part: "Based on recent discussions with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, it is our understanding that Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc. and its subcontractors will not be required to apply any additional quality assurance requirements on design and procurement activities than were used on the replicate aspects of the Base Plant. Therefore, the enclosed program is intended to apply only to those design and procurement activities associated with non-replicate portions of Marble Hill which are safety related."

Our discussions with the Licensing Project Manager and Licensing QA do not confirm any understandings one way or the other.

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Our concern includes not only how the QA program will apply to replicated portions of the facility but that the applicant omitted any reference to this matter in both Section 17 of the PSAR and the QA Manual.

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