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Public Service of Indiana
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Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the conversation of February 10, 1982, between you and Mr. J. Harrison of the Region III staff scheduling 9:00 a.m., March 10, 1982, as the time and date for the meeting to discuss the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report for the Marble Hill Nuclear Generating Station. The meeting will be held at the Marble Hill site.

Mr. A. B. Davis, Deputy Regional Administrator and members of the NRC staff will present the observations and findings of the SALP Board. Since this meeting is intended to be a forum for the mutual understanding of the issues and findings, you are encouraged to have appropriate representation present. As a minimum we suggest that Mr. D. V. Menscer, President of Public Service of Indiana, Mr. S. W. Shields, Senior Vice President of the Nuclear Division, and the managers for functional areas where problems have been identified be in attendance.

Enclosure 1 to this letter summarizes the significant findings identified by the SALP Board's evaluation of the Marble Hill Nuclear Generating Station.

Enclosure 2 is a preliminary copy of the SALP Report for your review prior to the March 10 meeting. The Regional Administrator will issue the SALP Report including your comments, if any, after the meeting.

If you wish to comment upon the evaluations presented in the SALP Report your comments should be submitted to this office within twenty days of the SALP meeting, otherwise it will be assumed that you have no comments. No additional response is required.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter, the SALP Report, and your response or your comments, if any, will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room when the SALP Report is issued.

The comments requested by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-5111.

If you have any questions concerning the SALP Report we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

J. A. Hind, Director
Division of Emergency Preparedness
and Operational Support
Chairman, Region III SALP Board

Enclosure: Significant Findings

ENCLOSURE 1

Significant SALP Report findings for the Marble Hill Nuclear Generating Station.

General Observations:

During the July 1, 1980 to September 30, 1981, evaluation period a significant improvement to the earlier conditions which resulted in the stopping of construction activities has occurred. The results of inspections conducted of activities previously identified as problem areas indicate that the effectiveness of site and corporate management and of the project Quality Assurance Program has improved resulting in increased quality of construction. These improvements were observed while inspecting selected construction activities as site construction mobilized during gradual rescission of the August 15, 1979, Confirmatory Order. Accordingly, a question still exists in regard to the ability of the restructured management controls and Quality Assurance Program to adequately assure the quality of construction as site construction activities return to normal levels. The Confirmatory Order was fully lifted in February of 1982.

An area of concern regarding the overall management of the Material Management Program was identified. This concern is not of major significance at this time, and was raised in November 1981 after the official SALP evaluation period.

Functional Area: Soils and Foundations: No Significant Findings.

Functional Area: Containment and Other Safety Related Structures:
Performance greatly improved. No significant findings.

Functional Area: Piping Systems and Supports; and Safety Related Components:
No significant findings.

Functional Area: Support Systems: No significant findings.

Functional Area: Electrical Power Supply and Distribution: No significant findings.

Functional Area: Licensing Activities: Not evaluated.

Functional Area: Quality Assurance Program: Inspection results indicate that the effectiveness of the overall Quality Assurance Program has improved greatly since the last evaluation period. No significant findings.