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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SIEMENS POWER CORPORATION ON JANUARY 9, 1997

On January 9, 1997, NRC staff met with Jim Edgar from Siemens Power Corporation to discuss the RAIs, dated December 10, 1996, and two dated December 23, 1996, for two pending license amendments. The meeting started with introducing Jim Edgar to the new FCLB management.

The RAI discussions revolved around the criticality safety review. Siemens agreed to submit a more detailed process description, but stated that the criticality safety analyses are not planned to be completed until after construction, prior to start up, so that as built conditions can be considered.

NRC staff indicated that we would need to see a summary of the assumptions made in their analyses (to be sure accident conditions were considered rather than just normal operations) and the results, including the margins of safety for the parameters controlled, in order to make a safety evaluation. This summary is Part II type information, which Siemens has in their current license. Siemens stated that they have not, in the past, had to submit this type of information and would like for us to consider their programs for administrative and technical practices committed to in their renewal to be considered adequate for granting the amendment. After such a review, the staff would be expected to trust that Siemens' analyses would be conducted in an adequate manner.

NRC staff believes that this practice is inconsistent with routine licensing practice and does not believe that submittal of the requested information would require much effort from the licensee.

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