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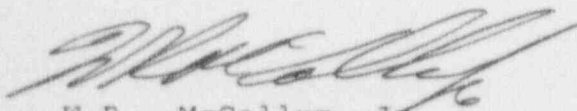
Gentlemen:

Licensee Event Report 414/97-002, "Failure to perform conditional surveillance on incore detector prior to installation", was submitted on February 11, 1997. Further analysis has determined the event is not reportable and the Licensee Event Report is not required.

The initial report documented a failure to comply with technical specification 4.7.9.2.c, sealed source contamination surveillance, during installation of a new incore fission detector on 01/07/97. The associated technical specification, 3.7.9, sealed source contamination, is applicable to "each sealed source containing radioactive material either in excess of 100 microCuries of beta and/or gamma emitting material or 5 microCuries of alpha emitting material". Review of the source detector manufacturer's data revealed the detector installed on 01/07/97 contained no more than 0.31 microCuries of Uranium, therefore technical specification 3.7.9 is not applicable to this detector.

Based on this information, Duke Power Company has determined the event is not reportable per 10 CFR 50.73, and would like to rescind Licensee Event Report 414/97-002 and the commitments contained in the report.

Cordially,


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