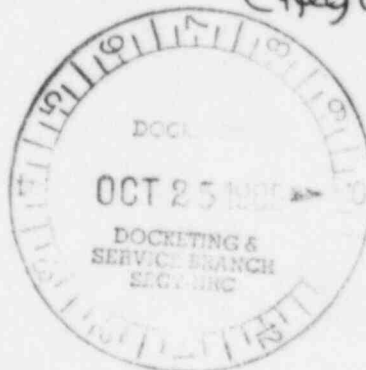


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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Chilk:

Subject: Request for Comments on NUREG-1032,
"Evaluations of Station Blackout
Accidents of Nuclear Power Plants".

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has recently published for comment a document entitled "Evaluations of Station Blackout Accidents at Nuclear Power Plants," designated NUREG-1032. The Nuclear Utility Group on Station Blackout (NUGSBO) has prepared comments on NUREG-1032. GPU Nuclear Corporation wishes to endorse the comments prepared by NUGSBO. The NUGSBO comments, while recognizing the NRC Staff's contribution to the knowledge concerning station blackout, raise substantial questions about the adequacy of the technical record as a justification for resolution of the issue by rulemaking.

We agree with NUGSBO that station blackout is not an issue warranting resolution by rulemaking. Based on the technical record, it is NUGSBO's and our opinion that there are not any plants that currently require improvements in this area. Initiatives within the industry will continue to maintain the currently acceptable level of safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this issue. We look forward to working with the NRC to produce a technically justifiable resolution to the station blackout issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J.R. Thorpe".

J. R. Thorpe
Director,
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