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Mr. Dick Kiessel
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Reference: Letter from Joe Nadeau of MOVATS Incorporated to Dick Kiessel,
dated February 29, 1988.

Dear Mr. Kiessel:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify several of the issues discussed in our letter which was (erroneously) dated February 29, 1988.

As discussed in the referenced letter, the misunderstanding concerning the limitations of the MOVATS Incorporated data base resulted from a particular format used to transmit thrust calculations. The use of this format was limited to three clients, all of which have since been made aware of the limitations as discussed in Attachment 8 of the referenced letter. The error made by MOVATS personnel in using this particular format was an incorrect assumption that our clients understood the data base limitations from the Callaway response.

In order to avoid any further confusion on this issue, MOVATS Incorporated now provides documentation on the data base limitations with every set of thrust calculations provided to a client. Examples of the documentation were included as Attachments 5 and 9 in the referenced letter.

In addition, all MOVATS Incorporated personnel have been notified of this situation in a memo from the president of the company (see attached).

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Joe Nadeau
Group Vice President,
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To: All Movats Employees

From: A.G. Charbonneau 

Date: March 3, 1988

Subject: Limitations Associated with Data Base Related Thrust Equations

As some of you are aware, an issue regarding the use of unvalidated MOVATS thrust equations has recently been raised by the NRC as a result of a 48 hour notification provided to them by Maine Yankee on this same matter.

The misunderstanding concerning limitations of the MOVATS Incorporated data base resulted from a particular format used to transmit thrust calculation results, specifically signature analysis reports. The use of the misleading reports was limited to three clients, all of which have since been made aware of the limitations. The error made by MOVATS Incorporated personnel in using this particular format was an incorrect assumption that our clients understood the data base limitations from the Callaway response.

In order to avoid any confusion on this issue in the future, documentation on the data base limitations must go along with every set of thrust calculations, provided to any and all, end or intermediate users of this information. Please feel free to discuss this matter more fully with your group vice president if you have any questions.