

February 8, 2000

Mr. Robert P. Powers, Senior Vice President
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SUBJECT: THE DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 1 AND 2 - COMPLETION OF LICENSING ACTION FOR NRC BULLETIN 96-02, "MOVEMENT OF HEAVY LOADS OVER SPENT FUEL, OVER FUEL IN THE REACTOR CORE, OR OVER SAFETY-RELATED EQUIPMENT," DATED APRIL 11, 1996 (TAC NOS. M95577 AND M95578)

Dear Mr. Powers:

On April 11, 1996, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued NRC Bulletin (NRCB) 96-02, "Movement of Heavy Loads Over Spent Fuel, Over Fuel in the Reactor Core, or Over Safety-Related Equipment," to all holders of operating licenses. The NRC issued NRCB 96-02 for three principal reasons:

1. Alert addressees to the importance of complying with existing regulatory guidelines associated with the control and handling of heavy loads at nuclear power plants,
2. Request that all addressees review their plans and capabilities for handling heavy loads in accordance with existing regulatory guidelines and within their licensing basis as previously analyzed in the final safety analysis report, and
3. Require addressees to report to the NRC whether and to what extent they have complied with the actions requested in this bulletin.

Also, the bulletin requested that each licensee determine whether current activities were within the licensing basis and to submit a license amendment request as necessary.

In response to NRCB 96-02, you provided a letter dated May 10, 1996, for D. C. Cook Units 1 and 2. Your letter provided both the information requested and the responses required by NRCB 96-02. NRC staff review of the responses to NRCB 96-02 finds that overall, the responses are acceptable; therefore, TAC Nos. M95577 and M95578 are closed.

The NRC will continue to review the issue of heavy loads through an ongoing Task Action Plan for heavy loads. Any additional information required for the completion of the Task Action Plan will be obtained on a plant-specific basis.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John F. Stang, Senior Project Manager, at 301-415-1345.

Sincerely,

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