

March 15, 2000

Mr. Robert P. Powers, Senior Vice President
Indiana Michigan Power Company
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SUBJECT: DONALD C. COOK NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 - REVIEW OF
LICENSE AMENDMENTS RE: ICE CONDENSER FLOW CHANNELS
(TAC NOS. MA4345 AND MA4346)

Dear Mr. Powers:

By letter dated December 3, 1998, you submitted a license amendment to change the Technical Specification associated with the surveillance requirements for the ice condenser flow channels. Since receipt of your application, the industry formed the Ice Condenser Mini Group (ICMG). The group is made up of licensees with ice condenser containments and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The purpose of the ICMG was to facilitate a technical information exchange. One of the activities of the ICMG has taken is to work with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to propose revisions to the Improved Standard Technical Specifications for ice condensers. A lead plant has been selected for the different sections of the ice condenser Technical Specifications (TSs). The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Watts Bar facility was chosen as the lead plant for the implementation of revisions to the TS concerning ice bed flow channel blockage surveillance. On July 7, 1999, TVA submitted an application for revision of the Watts Bar TS. The NRC staff is currently reviewing the application and expects to complete the review by May 2000.

It is the NRC's intent to have consistency between the TS concerning ice condenser components at the different ice condenser facilities. Therefore, until the NRC staff has completed its review of the Watts Bar application and resolved all issues, the NRC will have to hold your December 3, 1998, application in abeyance. Once the NRC has completed its review of the Watts Bar application, we request that you review the accepted TS change to assure that your December 3, 1998, application has included the appropriate types of surveillances in the appropriate time frame. Provide a letter to confirm your review. If your review identifies generic differences between your December 3, 1998, application and the approved Watts Bar TS, either supplement your application with a new proposed TS which incorporates the Watts Bar requirements or provide justification for the differences.

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This completes our review under TAC Nos. MA4345 and MA4346.

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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