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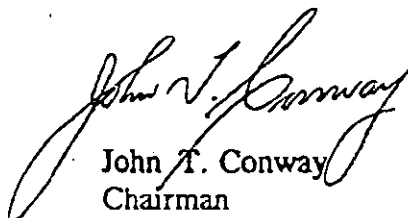
Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Stello:

In a letter addressed to you, dated May 15, 1992, I forwarded a DNFSB Staff memorandum concerning valve line-up/plant control issues and plant condition observations noted during K reactor monitoring watches. Enclosed for your information is a follow-up memorandum issued by the DNFSB Staff.

The enclosed memorandum may contain unclassified controlled nuclear information (UCNI). We would like to have it reviewed for UCNI and appropriate changes identified to us to remove the UCNI material as soon as practical. If you have any questions on this matter please call me.

Sincerely,


John T. Conway
Chairman

Enclosure:

DNFSB Staff Memorandum, "Valve Line-up/Configuration Control Follow-up", dated June 10, 1992. ENCLOSURE MAY CONTAIN UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION.

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section, included:

- 1) More specific guidance for operators using a (SAC)
- 2) Detailed guidance for Independent Verification of valve positions
- 3) Requirements for notification of the Shift Manager when discrepancies are found
- 4) Required action if the SAC is continued from one shift to another
- 5) Initiation and proper use of SAC Deviation Sheets

During routine monitor duties, the DNFSB staff will continue to review this issue to evaluate the effectiveness of the procedural changes and training in preventing further configuration control problems.

2. Plant Condition: Further review of the cleanliness condition at the K reactor has shown that there is evidence of an effort to maintain good housekeeping practices but that there is still room for improvement. Watchsection and management response to DOE identified cleanliness problems is prompt and attempts to rectify root causes of the more serious cases. Independent identification of these types of cleanliness problems remains as an area where progress could be made. The technical staff and outside experts continue to monitor plant cleanliness and housekeeping practices daily as part of our routine monitor duties.

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