UNITED STATES
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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT
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INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT MANUAL

TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION 2515/69

INSPECTION OF RESPONSE TO IE BULLETIN 85-01

2515/69-01 PURPOSE

This TI is being issued to define the inspecting, reporting, and evaluating responsibilities of regional and IE personnel for IE Bulletin 85-01.

2515/69-02 BACKGROUND

In the evaluation of licensees' actions regarding steam binding in auxiliary feedwater systems, it was found that all but two licensees had taken corrective action and those two licensees subsequently decided to take corrective action. However, many licensees did not have the procedures or training needed for a lasting solution of reasonable quality. Accordingly, IE Bulletin 85-01 was issued on October 29, 1985 to these licensees for action. They were requested to develop and implement procedures and to report. Also, there was a concern that the operating staff of plants currently under construction may not be fully aware of the potential problem when these plants receive their operating license. Plants in this category were also sent the bulletin for action and are included in this temporary instruction. All other licensees received the bulletin for information.

2515/69-03 RESPONSIBILITIES

03.01 Regional management will implement the inspection and reporting requirements of this TI.

03.02 The Division of Emergency Preparedness and Engineering Response (DEPER), Engineering and Generic Communications Branch (EGCB) will compile licensee responses and reports specified in this TI and make a report to document closing out the bulletin.

2515/69-04 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

04.01 Verify that the licensee has provided a timely response. The response should address the procedures requested in the bulletin. Questions about the adequacy of licensees' responses may be referred to EGCB, DEPER, IE for resolution in coordination with the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). If written questions are sent to the licensee, provide a copy to EGCB, DEPER.

04.02 Verify that the procedures are developed and are in conformance with the licensee's commitments and NRC requirements. Verify that the procedures cover the subjects of periodic monitoring of auxiliary feedwater system temperature (if monitoring is used as a basis for precluding steam binding), recognizing steam binding should it occur, and recovering from a steam binding event.

04.03 Verify that procedures are properly approved by the licensee before implementation.

04.04 Verify that up-to-date procedures are available for use as guides at the appropriate work stations.

04.05 Verify that personnel are using the new procedures and understand them. This may be done by either checking training records or interviewing a small sample of control room and equipment/auxiliary operators.

2515/69-05 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Document inspection findings in a standard IE inspection report (copy to R. Baer, EGCB, DEPER, IE) which should address the verification of the licensee's procedure development and implementation. Where relief from the provisions of the bulletin has been sought or additional information has been provided, identify the licensee's correspondence. Where regional correspondence requested additional information, this also should be identified.

2515/69-06 MILESTONES

06.01	Issuance of Bulletin 85-01	October 29, 1985
06.02	OL Action Due	January 31, 1986
06.03	OL Report Due	February 28, 1986
06.04	OL Inspection Completion	May 29, 1986
06.05	CP Action Due (Latest Date)	October 29, 1986
06.06	CP Report Due (Latest Date)	October 29, 1986
06.07	CP Inspection Completion	January 29, 1987
06.08	Bulletin Closeout Report	April 30, 1987

2515/69-07 EXPIRATION DATE

This TI expires April 30, 1987.

2515/69-08 IE CONTACT

Questions about this TI should be addressed to Mary S. Wegner at (301)492-4511.

2515/69-09 MODULE TRACKING SYSTEM INPUT

Time spent in inspecting and reporting for this TI should be charged to module number 92703.

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