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Subject: Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Disposition of Reactor Vessel Head Sample Pieces "A2A7L,"
"A2A7M," and "A2A7N"

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On November 20, 2003, the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (FENOC) transmitted Framatome ANP, Inc. Document 31-5029337-02, "Examination of the Reactor Vessel (RV) Head Degradation at Davis-Besse," dated November 2003, to the NRC (FENOC Serial Number 3007). This report was prepared by BWX Technologies, Inc., BWXT Services, Inc. ("BWXT") on behalf of FENOC, and described the laboratory examinations performed on a portion of the degraded reactor vessel head and two control rod drive mechanism (CRDM) nozzles removed from the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 1.

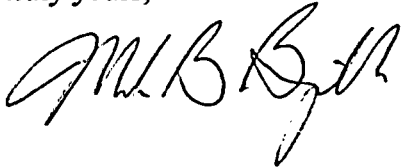
On January 30, 2004, FENOC was notified by letter from the NRC (FENOC Log Number 6152) that the NRC intends to contract for additional testing on three of the sample pieces described in the BWXT report. The January 30 letter requested that FENOC transfer ownership of sample pieces "A2A7L," "A2A7M," and "A2A7N" from FENOC to BWXT, with BWXT thereafter responsible for storage, surveying, and disposal of this material. The specific sample pieces are described on page 111 and shown on page 112 of the aforementioned report. FENOC is pleased to accommodate this request and agrees to transfer ownership and legal responsibility for storage, surveying, and disposal of the sample pieces to BWXT. These sample pieces are currently stored at the BWXT facility in Lynchburg, Virginia. It is FENOC's understanding that the associated costs will be funded by the NRC.

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No formal response to this letter is required or requested. However, should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Gregory A. Dunn, Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (419) 321-8450.

Very truly yours,



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