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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 72-20/99-02 (Docket 72-09)

Dear Ms. Cook:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2000, regarding the Notice of Violation issued in Inspection Report 72-20/99-02 and the subsequent NRC letter dated March 10, 2000. The issue concerned the statement in your February 4, 2000, letter that the actions planned to prevent recurrence of the problem cited in the Notice of Violation were not an explicit commitment.

Your March 31 letter clarified the statement you made in your February 4, 2000, letter regarding your commitment on planned actions to prevent recurrence of the violation, and the documentation of additional training. Your corrective action appears reasonable, and your reply was responsive to our concerns. We consider the matter closed.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Fuel Cycle & Decommissioning Branch at (817) 860-8198.

Sincerely,

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