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**Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant
Schedule for Comments on SECY-99-182 "Assessment of the Impact of Appendix R
Fire Protection Exemptions on Fire Risk" (TAC Nos. MA8524 and MA8525)**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter dated April 27, 2000 the staff requested that SNC provide a schedule for comments on the limited scope study transmitted via SECY-99-182. SNC intends to provide comments only on the exemptions categorized as potentially risk significant by August 30, 2000. SNC is reevaluating its Appendix R fire analysis for Farley and expects significant changes to its current Appendix R exemption requests. SNC does not intend to respond to those exemptions classified as indeterminate or small risk since spending resources at this time would provide little benefit and would impact resources performing the Appendix R re-analysis.

This letter contains no NRC commitments. If there are any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Morey".

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