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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D. C.

Reference: T. A. Coleman to NRC Document Control Desk, GR99-153, August 3, 1999.

Gentlemen:

The reference letter informed the NRC of a change that some owners of B&W-designed reactors may be making to their plant computer software. Specifically the change will be from the Nuclear Applications Software Package (NAS) to the Fixed Incore Detector Monitoring System (FIDMS).

In the attachment to the reference FCF stated that the FIDMS would be tested and qualified before implementation. In a recent phone call, the NRC requested FCF to supply more specific information on what this testing and qualification will entail. The following statements are being provided in response to this request.

The testing and qualification of the FIDMS will include documentation and will be performed at each site before implementation. The verification and validation performed by FCF will be conducted in compliance with the FCF Quality Assurance program and the verification and validation performed by the utility will be conducted in compliance with the utility's Quality Assurance program.

If further information is needed, please contact Frank McPhatter at (804) 832-2401.

Very truly yours,



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