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October 4, 1994

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SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY UNIT 1 - SCOPE OF AMENDMENT NO. 178 TO FACILITY
OPERATING LICENSE DPR-66 (TAC NOS. M89986 AND M84673)

Dear Mr. Cross:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the scope of the NRC approval of your spent fuel pool (SFP) modifications described in Amendment No. 178.

By letter dated November 1, 1993, the NRC issued Amendment No. 178 to the Beaver Valley Operating License approving the reracking of the SFP to increase the storage capacity of the pool. This approval, accompanied by the issuance of revised Technical Specifications, was issued in response to the Duquesne Light Company (DLC) request no. 202. Subsequent to this action, it has come to the NRC staff's attention that the technical report (Holtec Report HI-92791) submitted by DLC as the safety analysis of the request, indicates that the new fuel storage racks are designed with the capability of fitting a "storage table" that can be used to store up to five tons of activated materials above the stored fuel. This feature and the intent to store materials above the stored spent fuel was not addressed in your approval request and was not reviewed by the NRC staff.

During a September 7, 1994, telephone conference call between DLC and NRC staffs, the NRC staff was informed that DLC did not purchase this optional storage table with the new spent fuel storage racks and does not intend to install or use one.

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This letter is to inform you that the installation and use of a materials storage table as described in the Holtec Report is outside the scope of our review and approval of your Amendment No. 178 request. The NRC staff has not evaluated the seismic or radiological consequences of storing five tons of activated materials above the spent fuel during postulated accidents or abnormal occurrences.

By this letter we are closing TAC No. M89986.

Sincerely,



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