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SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO SAFETY EVALUATION FOR AMENDMENT NO. 163

REGARDING SUPPRESSION POOL WATER TEMPERATURE - VERMONT

May 4, 1999

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We have reviewed the corrections/clarifications and agree with the recommended wording indicated in your March 31, 1999, letter. The corrections/clarifications do not change the conclusions reached in the SE. We do not intend to issue a revised SE, however, a copy of this letter documenting our agreement with your corrections/clarifications should be maintained with the documentation associated with Amendment No. 163.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-1475.

Sincerely.

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