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50-272 SALEM 1 S-AMENDMENT NO. 078 TO DPR-70

Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

SUBJECT: ALLOWABLE BORON CONCENTRATION IN BORON INJECTION TANK (BIT) (TAC NOS. 60567/60568)

RE: SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

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The staff has looked into the issue and determined that the maximum/minimum boron concentration allowed in the BIT is the same as that allowed in the RWST. At this time, the limits are 2300 - 2500 ppm boron. The limits for the BIT are not in the Technical Specifications, only in the SER for Amendments 78/52.

This letter should be attached to the SER for Amendments 78/52.

Sincerely,

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James C. Stone, Project Manager Project Directorate I-2 Division of Reactor Projects I/II Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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