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Ladies and Gentleman:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding the activities by the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) related to Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Bulletin 96-03, "Potential Plugging of Emergency Core Cooling Suction Strainers by Debris in Boiling Water Reactors." All actions required for NRC Bulletin 96-03 are complete for the PNPP Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) suction strainer. Scale testing and exhaustive analyses have been completed to address the hydrodynamic mass and the acceleration drag volumes used to evaluate the hydrodynamic loads that act on the ECCS suction strainer. Completion of these efforts provides the satisfactory resolution of all outstanding design issues relative to the ECCS suction strainer. The supporting analyses and test report are available at the PNPP for NRC staff review.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Gregory A. Dunn Manager - Regulatory Affairs, at (440) 280-5305.

Very truly yours,

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