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Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On October 5, 2001, a telephone call was held between Senior Management of Farley Nuclear Plant (FNP) and Senior Management from the office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) concerning the FNP response to NRC Bulletin 2001-01, "Circumferential Cracking of Reactor Pressure Vessel Head Penetration Nozzles." As a result of this telephone call, FNP is supplementing its Bulletin 2001-01 response with the following clarification. For Unit 2, FNP will perform either an effective remote visual inspection of the metal surface of the 69 CRDM nozzles and head vent nozzle at the next scheduled refueling outage beginning in September 2002 or the inspections described in our Bulletin 2001-01 response letter dated August 31, 2001.

This letter contains a NRC commitment for future head inspection as specified above. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,

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