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Re: Okonite Okolon 1/C #12 AWG Bonded Cable

Dear Mr. Collins:

This will respond to a recent question which has been posed to Okonite by members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's staff. The question involved the Licensee in the NEI survey concerning licensees' use of the subject cable which responded that it had two Okonite Okolon 1/C #12 AWG bonded cables in use in ambient temperatures approximating 77°C. The specific question posed by the staff was whether the Licensee has been made aware of the test program Okonite recently completed with respect to these cables and the test results. (Okonite notes that at temperatures in that range the recent Okonite test results indicate that the cable has a substantially longer life than the 19 years of installed life indicated by the Licensee in its response to the NEI survey.)

The answer is that the Licensee is in fact aware of the test program and the test results.

Although Okonite does not know the identity of the Licensee-Respondent to the confidential NEI survey, Okonite has contacted NEI who confirmed that (1) the Licensee is aware of the Okonite test program and the test results, (2) the Licensee is a member of the Nuclear Utility Group on Equipment Qualification, and (3) the Licensee is also aware of the NRC's intent to issue a Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) on this topic. Okonite further confirmed with counsel for the NUGEQ that the information that Okonite has provided to the NRC concerning this testing (including Okonite's

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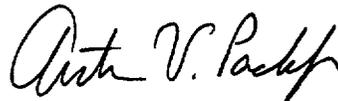
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letter of January 25, 2002 to the NRC and the test report) has also been provided to all NUGEQ members through the NUGEQ Web site.

We believe that the above information responds to the NRC's question. If there is anything further you require, please advise and we will respond.

Very truly yours,

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