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Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

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Based on our review of your submittal, we conclude that no exemption is necessary for the requested Type A test exemption since you have committed to perform Type C testing on the No. 33 penetration and subsequently add the as-found leakage to the Type A results. This will result in a test equivalent to having the penetration vented to the containment atmosphere. The staff agrees that the CRD system need not be vented for the Type A test.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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