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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, DC 20555

SUBJECT: Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Docket No. 50-293
License No. DPR-35

Withdrawal of Pilgrim Relief Request (PRR)-27 Relief from 1989 ASME Code Section XI requirements for Certification of VT-2 visual examination personnel.

REFERENCE: 1. Entergy Letter No. 2.02.051, "Pilgrim Relief Request (PRR)-27 Relief from 1989 ASME Code Section XI requirements for Certification of VT-2 visual examination personnel", dated June 5, 2002.

2. Entergy Letter No. 2.02.083, "Supplement to Pilgrim Relief Request (PRR)-27 Relief from 1989 ASME Code Section XI requirements for Certification of VT-2 visual examination personnel", dated September 18, 2002.

LETTER NUMBER: 2.02.097

Dear Sir or Madam:

By this letter, Entergy withdraws Pilgrim Relief Request (PRR)-27, which was submitted on June 5, 2002 and supplemented on September 18, 2002 (References 1 and 2).

Our reason for the withdrawal is as follows:

1. The NRC has published Final Rule, "Industry Codes and Standards; Amended Requirements", by Federal Register Notice Dated September 26, 2002, providing requirements for certification of VT-2 visual examination personnel. These amended requirements become effective on October 28, 2002.
2. Our review of the Final Rule confirms that the amended requirements include the relief provisions described in the PRR -27 for certification of VT-2 visual examination personnel and the effective date supports the Pilgrim refueling outage schedule. Therefore, we have concluded that the PRR-27 approval is not necessary.

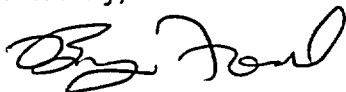
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Sincerely,



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