

February 6, 2003

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Collins, Director */RA/*
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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A copy of the report has been provided to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Inspection Program Branch (IIPB) and the NRR Probabilistic Safety Assessment Branch (SPSB). Their staffs are reviewing the recommendations and jointly developing an action plan, including responsible organizations and priorities, to address each of the recommendations. I will forward a copy of the action plan to you upon its completion.

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