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By application dated November 17, 2003, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(a)(4), you requested approval of a revision to the Entergy Quality Assurance Program Manual that reduces a commitment previously approved by the staff. The proposed change would delete Section A.3.c from the manual.

We have reviewed your application and determined that additional information is needed to complete our review. However, due to resource limitations, we do not anticipate providing you with the request for additional information (RAI) until the end of January 2004, at the earliest. Therefore, we request that you refrain from implementing this change until you have been formally notified otherwise. We will provide you with the RAI as soon as it becomes available.

The need for an RAI was discussed with Mr. Wenstrom Edge of your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Thomas Alexion of my staff.

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