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SUBJECT: QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNIT 1 - SCHEDULE TO
RESOLVE MISSING PIECE OF STEAM DRYER

Dear Mr. Crane:

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If EGC decides not to retrieve the missing piece, the NRC staff expects to review your safety analysis describing the acceptability of operating Quad Cities Unit 1 beyond the next refueling outage. We request that the safety analysis and any associated license amendment request be submitted to NRC as early as possible to allow the NRC staff sufficient time to complete our review.

If your staff has any questions concerning this letter, I may be reached at 301-415-2863.

Sincerely,

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