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MEMORANDUM TO: John A. Grobe, Chairman
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Region III

FROM: William H. Ruland, Project Directorate III
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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The NRR staff has concluded from its evaluation that the licensee's overall approach to the modification of their HPI pumps and its testing, is acceptable and provides reasonable assurance that the HPI pumps will perform their required functions when called upon.

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