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**INFORMATION REGARDING RESPONSE TO U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION (NRC) AUDIT OBSERVER INQUIRY AOI-OAR-03-04**

Reference: Ltr, Schlueter to Brown, dtd 10/17/03

During the NRC's observation of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) quality assurance audit OQAP-BSC-03-14 on September 18-19, 2003, one Audit Observer Inquiry AOI-OAR-03-04 was identified and transmitted to the DOE via the referenced letter. This letter is to inform you that, regretfully, the response to AOI-OAR-03-04 has been delayed due to the complexity of the issue. The DOE plans to provide a complete response by March 15, 2004.

There are no new regulatory commitments in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Neal K. Hunemuller at (702) 794-5081.


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