

March 31, 2004

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SUBJECT: KEWAUNEE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION (NRC) INFORMATION NOTICE (IN) 2004-XX: "PLUGGING OF
SAFETY INJECTION PUMP LUBRICATION OIL COOLERS WITH LAKEWEED"

Dear Mr. Coutu:

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The NRC staff is enclosing for your information the NRC draft IN 2004-xx, "Plugging of Safety Injection Pump Lubrication Oil Coolers with Lakeweed." We are not requesting any response to the draft Information Notice.

Please contact me at 301-415-1446 if you have any questions regarding the enclosure. Due to the potential sensitivity of the information described in the enclosure, the NRC staff has not made this enclosure publicly available.

Sincerely,

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