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SUBJECT: PALISADES NUCLEAR POWER PLANT - WITHDRAWAL OF A RELIEF
REQUEST FROM AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
SECTION XI CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIR OF PRESSURIZER NOZZLE
PENETRATIONS (TAC NO. MC4046)

Dear Mr. Malone:

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Based on this letter dated September 29, 2004, we have closed out our review of the above relief request and technical assignment control (TAC) No. MC4046 is closed.

Sincerely,

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