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MEMORANDUM FOR: John W. N. Hickey, Chief, Fuel Cycle Safety Branch,
NMSS

FROM: John A. Grobe, Chief, Nuclear Materials Safety Branch,
Region III

SUBJECT: REGION III REVIEW OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING RESPONSE TO
NRC BULLETIN NRCB 91-01 (DOCKET NO. 70-0036)

Pursuant to your request of March 4, 1992, we are providing you with comments on our review of Combustion Engineering's response to NRC Bulletin NRCB 91-01. As you are aware, Combustion Engineering was the only licensee in Region III required to respond to the referenced bulletin.

We have concluded that Combustion Engineering's response to NRC Bulletin 91-01, "Reporting Loss of Criticality Safety Controls" adequately describes their process to identify and report a loss or significant degradation of a criticality safety control.

However, the training criteria should include testing under simulated conditions to ensure that operating personnel and first-level supervisors can demonstrate that a loss or significant degradation of a criticality safety control is both recognized and reported through internal channels.

If you have any questions regarding our review of the licensee's response, please contact Roy J. Caniano or George France of my staff at FTS 388-5500.

John A. Grobe, Chief
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Attached List of Addressees

FROM: John W. N. Hickey, Chief,
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Division of Industrial and
Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW OF LICENSEE
RESPONSES TO BULLETIN NRCB 91-01

Reference: NRC Bulletin NRCB 91-01, dated October 18, 1991, and Memorandum,
RECunningham to RWilson, et al., dated December 16, 1991,
Subject: Guidance Plan for Reviewing Licensee Responses to
Bulletin 91-01

All fuel cycle licensees have now responded to the referenced bulletin. Responses pertinent to each regional office have been sent to that office. Although the primary review of the responses will be conducted within the Fuel Cycle Safety Branch, the input of the regional offices is important for a complete review. Our review will be guided by the plan indicated in the reference and should also be useful for the regional office review. We would appreciate receiving regional office comments on the bulletin responses by March 27, 1992.

Our schedule for completion of the reviews and subsequent inspection activities is enclosed. An updated draft of the Temporary Instruction is enclosed for your information. Please direct any questions you may have concerning this review to either George Bidinger (FTS 964-2683) or Tom Clark (FTS 964-3424).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. N. Hickey", is positioned above the typed name.

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Enclosures: As stated