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Dear Sir:

The probabilistic risk assessment used by the licensee assumes the plant to be new.

It is, however, 33 years old. Without a complete Independent Safety Assessment, it is impossible to know which components are cracked, leaking, degraded or even mispositioned, and therefore to determine the real safety margins,

It is impossible for the NRC staff to assure the public that there is no significant increase the probability of an accident.

Recent events involving the high pressure coolant injection system, a mispositioned valve in the containment, the many problems discovered in the superficial inspection already performed, and the transformer fire of 2004, are all evidence that a thorough safety assessment must be performed before an uprate is granted approval.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Kotkov*

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*SESP Review Complete*

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