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Mr. Robert W. Sharkey, Director
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Combustion Engineering, Inc.
3300 State Road P
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SUBJECT: HYDROGEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION (TAC NO. L31022)

Dear Mr. Sharkey:

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Therefore, we expect you to initiate the hydrogeologic investigation promptly. As indicated in your letter of October 21, 1997, we expect to receive the hydrogeological report on the results of this investigation by November 1999. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Soong, the NRC Project Manager for your facility, at (301) 415-8155.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Michael F. Weber, Chief
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