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Region III
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SUBJECT: ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR THREE WATER SAMPLES IN BATCH FOUR FROM THE VICINITY OF THE BYRON GENERATING STATION, BYRON, ILLINOIS
[INSPECTION REPORT NO. 050-00454/2006-003] (RFTA NO. 06-001)

Dear Mr. Snell:

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) received Batch Four, consisting of three water samples on June 26, 2006 that were collected in the vicinity of the Byron Generating Station in Byron, Illinois. The samples were analyzed for tritium using a liquid scintillation analyzer. The chain of custody identified one water sample to be analyzed by gamma spectroscopy (GS). The sample identifications and collection data are presented in Table 1. The GS data are presented in Table 2. The tritium data are presented in Table 3. The pertinent procedure references are provided in the specific tables.

ORISE's Quality Control (QC) requirements were met for these analyses. The QC files are available for your review upon request.

My contact information is listed below. You may also contact Wade Ivey at 865.576.9184 with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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TABLE 1

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATIONS
AND COLLECTION DATA
BYRON GENERATING STATION
BYRON, ILLINOIS

ORISE Sample ID	NRC Region III Sample ID	Collection Date	Collection Time
1689W0071	BY-06-4-01	6/22/06	11:30 AM
1689W0072	BY-06-4-02	6/22/06	12:30 PM
1689W0073	BY-06-4-03	6/22/06	1:30 PM

TABLE 2

CONCENTRATIONS OF SELECTED
 GAMMA EMITTING RADIONUCLIDES
 IN A SELECTED WATER SAMPLE
 BY GAMMA SPECTROSCOPY CP1, REVISION 15
 BYRON GENERATING STATION
 BYRON, ILLINOIS

ORISE Sample ID	NRC Region III Sample ID	Radionuclide Concentrations ^a (pCi/L)			
		Co-58	Co-60	Cs-134	Cs-137
1689W0073	BY-06-4-03	0.7 ± 4.0 ^b	6.8 ± 5.4	2.7 ± 5.1	1.4 ± 4.1

^aThe range of MDCs for the selected radionuclides is 7.0 pCi/L to 7.9 pCi/L.

^bUncertainties represent the 95% confidence level, based on total propagated uncertainties.

TABLE 3

CONCENTRATIONS OF TRITIUM
IN WATER SAMPLES
BY LIQUID SCINTILLATION ANALYSIS
AP2, REVISION 15; CP4, REVISION 3
BYRON GENERATING STATION
BYRON, ILLINOIS

ORISE Sample ID	NRC Region III Sample ID	Tritium Concentrations, TPU's, and MDCs ^a (pCi/L)
1689W0071	BY-06-4-01	500 ± 120 ^b (180)
1689W0072	BY-06-4-02	3,070 ± 190 (180)
1689W0073	BY-06-4-03	2,030 ± 160 (180)

^aMDCs are in parentheses.

^bUncertainties represent the 95% confidence level, based on total propagated uncertainties.