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Dear Mr. Neighbors:

At a meeting held on November 15, 1988 between NRC staff and the Authority to discuss the status of 31 steam generator tube plugging in response to a tube leak, the Authority stated its intention to remove the cracked tube for further study following steam generator replacement during the cycle 6/7 outage. The Authority also stated in LER 88-007-00, which reported the tube leak event, that a supplement to the LER would be submitted when the tube is removed for inspection.

The Authority has since performed evaluations to determine the radiological and environmental impact of extracting the cracked tube for further inspection. Our evaluations have resulted in an expected radiological expenditure of 35 man rem and capital expenditure of approximately \$200,000 to perform this work. We are currently developing bid specifications and establishing a list of vendors qualified to perform this work.

More recent industry events may have diminished the value of such an undertaking. The significant capital resources and personnel radiation exposures required to perform this job warrant a reaffirmation of the need and benefits of such an inspection.

The Authority is seeking your reaffirmation strickly as information and certainly would not challenge it in any way. Our commitment was entirely voluntary and we stand prepared to pull and analyze the tube should your position indicate its value to you and the industry still exist.

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Should you or your staff have any questions about this matter, please contact Mr. M.F. Peckham of my staff.

Sincerely,



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