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 containment purge sys isolation valves at 6-month intervals
 & within 72 h after purge sys usage. Testing will be
 performed at 3-month intervals.

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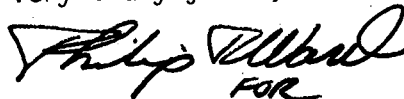
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Containment Purge and Vent Valve Leakage
Integrity Testing

Dear Mr. Denton:

This letter is in response to Domenic B. Vassallo's letter of December 22, 1983. That letter requested that we commit to leak testing the containment purge system isolation valves at six-month intervals and within 72 hours after purge system usage. We had previously proposed to test these valves at six-month intervals only.

After consideration of your staff's alternative proposal, we have decided that the original staff position of testing every three months would be more manageable than the alternative proposed in the December 22, 1983 letter. Therefore, we shall perform leakage integrity tests of the containment purge/vent isolation valves with resilient material seals which may be operated during the Startup/Hot Standby or Run modes at three month intervals. We plan to revise our proposed Technical Specification Change, RTS-133 transmitted June 10, 1982, to reflect the three month test interval. We shall commence the new test interval when the Technical Specification change is approved.

Very truly yours,


FOR

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