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SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS REPORT NO. 2-2012-036

Dear Mr. Blinn:

This letter refers to an investigation conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether employees of Flowserve Corporation willfully circumvented the functional test associated with Type A actuators through the use of a modified pipe plug. Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate the concern that Flowserve employees willfully circumvented the functional test for Type A actuators through the use of a modified pipe plug.

In accordance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, if any, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dori Willis, Senior Allegations Coordinator of NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, toll free at (800) 368-5642.

Sincerely,

(/RA by Dori L. Willis for Rani L. Franovich)

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Enclosure: Synopsis of OI Report No. 2-2012-036

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Investigations (OI), Region II (RII), on July 2, 2012, to determine whether employees of Flowserve Corporation, Raleigh, NC, willfully circumvented the functional test associated with Type A actuators through the use of a modified pipe plug.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI:RII did not substantiate that Flowserve employees willfully circumvented the functional test for Type A actuators through the use of a modified pipe plug.

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