

May 16, 1989

Docket No. 50-206

Dr. Larry T. Papay, Senior Vice President
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Dear Dr. Papay:

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Sincerely,

Original signed by S. Varga for
Thomas E. Murley, Director
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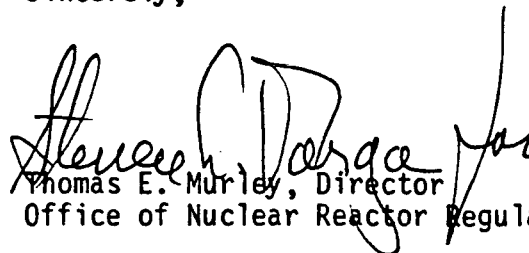
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This conclusion was reached in coordination with the Region V Regional Administrator and is also based on your satisfactory response to NRC concerns, as documented in the meeting summary and your written certification dated May 12, 1989 that all commitments made to the NRC for actions to be completed during the Cycle 10 refueling outage have in fact been completed.

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