

November 13, 1998

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SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF TAC NO. M98709 - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM 10 CFR 70.24(a), CRITICALITY ACCIDENT REQUIREMENTS  
H. B. ROBINSON STEAM ELECTRIC PLANT, UNIT NO. 2

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Please feel free to contact me on (301) 415-1478 if you need to know anything regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Ram Subbaratnam, Project Manager  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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