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Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to several phone calls from your company and the letter of July 9, 1975, signed by William O. Parker, concerning methods of closing the waste discharge valve referred to in Appendix A Technical Specification 3.9.7. It is our opinion that the administrative method by which you are presently controlling the subject valve is equivalent to the automatic closure system described in the specification.

In order to clarify the situation, a technical specification change is being processed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Gordon K. Dicker

Gordon K. Dicker, Chief Environmental Projects Branch 2 Division of Reactor Licensing

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