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Mr. George H. Smith, Chief Fuel Facility and Materials Safety Branch United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region I 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, PA. 19406

RE: Docket No. 50-220

Inspection Report 78-15

Dear Mr. Smith:

This refers to your letter dated January 17, 1979, in response to our letter dated December 1, 1978.

D. RESPONSE

The NRC interpretation of Section 2.1.1 of the Environmental Technical Specifications, "... a period of eight hours in any given 24-hour period...", has been transmitted to operation personnel so that they are aware of this requirement.

Since the Station was not privileged with this information at the time of the incident, no corrective action was taken after the eighth one-hour segment T exceeded 31.20F. Based on this newly supplied information, future events of this nature will be met with proper corrective action.

E. <u>RESPONSE</u>

Since the station was not aware of a violation, it was consequently not aware of a reporting requirement. Future events of this nature will be reported in accordance with Section 5.6.3 of the Environmental Technical Specifications.

Very truly yours,

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