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Office of Inspection and Enforcement Region I Attn.: Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1 Docket 50-220 DPR-63

Dear Mr. Grier:

This letter provides an interim report relative to I.E. Bulletin 79-01A. Specifically addressed is the environmental qualification of coils of ASCO solenoid valves.

In certain cases, the coils of the ASCO solenoid valves located outside of the primary containment have Class B insulation. It is not certain if these valves will continue to operate under the long-term accident conditions of 150F ambient temperature in the reactor building. However, the capability for safe shutdown, as described in our July 12, 1979 letter, does not depend on the coils of these valves.

For increased safety, we will develop a long-term plan to upgrade coils to Class H rating. This upgrading will be scheduled upon completion of the entire review of ASCO valves.

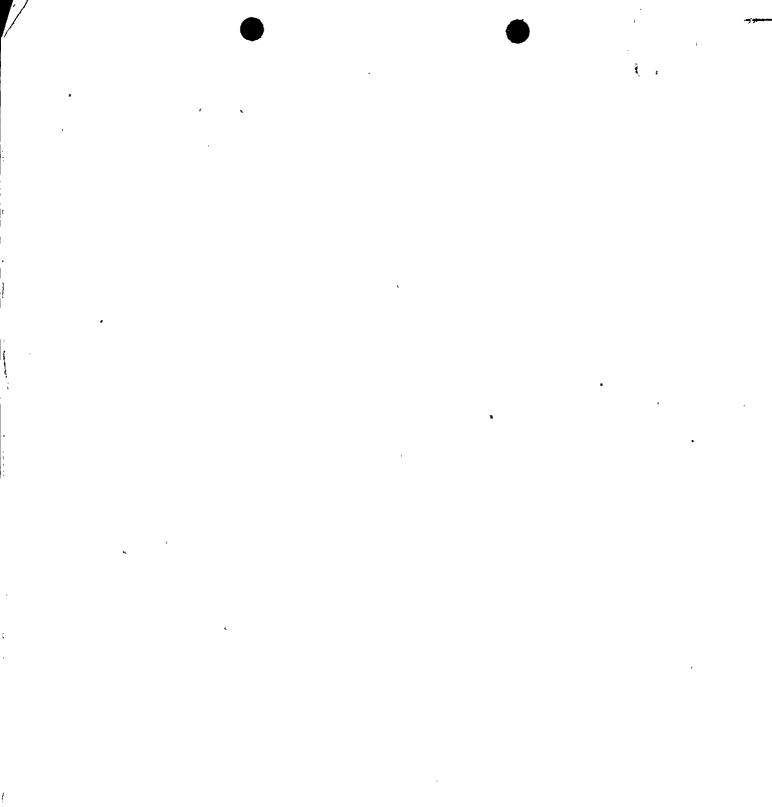
Very truly yours,

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