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SUBJECT: Informs of plan to use different method to reverify boron content in spent fuel storage racks than method described in 780322 submittal. Method developed by Natl Nuclear corp, monitors depletion in actual Boraflex poison cell.

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Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Dear Mr. Vassallo:

Your Safety Evaluation Report dated February 1, 1984 regarding the spent fuel pool expansion for Nine Mile Point Unit 1, referenced our method for reverification of boron content in the spent fuel storage racks. We described this method in our March 22, 1978 submittal. This letter is to inform you that we now plan to use a different method to reverify boron content. This method, developed by National Nuclear Corporation, monitors depletion in an actual Boraflex poison cell rather than by the use of coupons. Other aspects of the program remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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