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In the FSAR, exceptions to R.G. 1.97 are identified. As discussed in the enclosed report, acceptable justification has been provided for some of the identified exceptions. However, there are some items for which a conclusion could not be reached that adequate justification has been provided. The enclosed report has identified those as unjustified exceptions.

In addition to the concerns noted in the enclosed report, Amendment 19 of the FSAR (Table 1.8-1, R.G. 1.97) states that conformance is in accordance with the BWR Owners Group report. This report has not been reviewed or approved by the NRC. Furthermore, this report does not commit to environmental and seismic qualification. Please verify that Category I instrumentation is, or will be, provided for neutron flux instrumentation (Table 4.21, 36-1 of the FSAR does commit to environmentally and seismically qualified equipment).

We request that by January 15, 1986, you provide a response to the concern discussed above and to the concerns discussed in the enclosed report.

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Any questions concerning the enclosed report should be directed to the Licensing Project Manager, Mary Haughey (301) 492-7897.

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