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Dear Mr. Mangan:

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC DEPRESSURIZATION SYSTEM MASTER INHIBIT SWITCH
(TAC 61328)

Re: Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Unit No. 1

In a letter dated April 14, 1986, you informed the staff of your intentions concerning the testing requirements of the Automatic Depressurization System (ADS) master inhibit switch. As a result of the review of TMI Item II.K.3.18, you proposed to install a manual inhibit switch in the ADS logic circuitry. The purpose of the switch is to facilitate operator response in accordance with the BWR Emergency Procedures Guidelines during various postulated events. Incorporation of the inhibit switch permits the operator to block premature blowdown with a single action.

The manually operated inhibit switch was installed during the Spring 1986 refueling outage. In light of both industry and Nuclear Regulatory Commission technical specification improvement programs, you have proposed to periodically test this switch outside of the purview of the technical specifications (TS). Instead, the switch will be tested using written procedures in accordance with Section 6.8, Procedures, of the Administrative Controls Section of the TS. The staff has reviewed this activity and finds it acceptable.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

John A. Zwolinski, Director
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