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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DELETION OF COMMITMENT TO INSTALL DRYWELL WATER LEVEL
STRIP-CHART RECORDER FOR NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION
UNIT NO. 1 (NMP-1) (TAC NO. M90350)

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

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The NRC staff has reviewed NMPC's change in this commitment and we agree this change is acceptable. Our evaluation of this deletion is provided in the attached SSE.

Sincerely,
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