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REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM INSPECTION - NINE MILE POINT 2 SUBJECT:

Dear Mr. Mueller:

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In accordance with 10 CFR 55.59(c), the NRC may request facility licensees to submit their comprehensive requalification written examinations or annual operating tests as necessary to support the NRC's inspection program needs. In order for the NRC to adequately prepare for this inspection, please furnish the written examinations and operating tests scheduled for the week of the inspection to the NRC by October 11, 1999. Mr. Pettit has been advised of this request and provided with the name and address of the NRC lead inspector assigned to this inspection.

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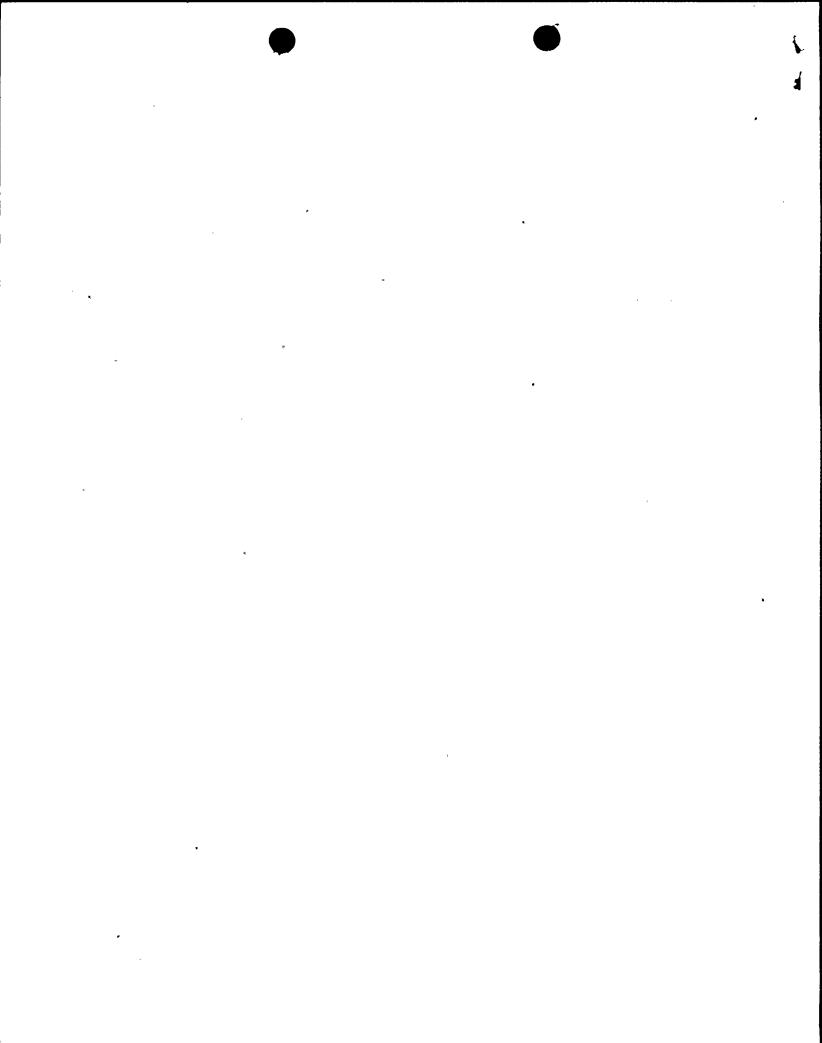
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this inspection, please contact Richard Conte at (610) 337-5183 or e-mail RJC@ NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

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