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September 24, 1999

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR
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The staff has completed its review of the request for exemption and determined that the request for exemption be granted in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v).

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Victor Nerses, Sr. Project Manager, Section 1
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Division of Licensing Project Management
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388

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Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (64 FR 33326).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September 1999.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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