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Mr. D. Louis Peoples
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Dear Mr. Peoples:

RE: MODIFICATIONS TO BOILING WATER REACTOR CONTROL ROD DRIVE SYSTEMS

Enclosed you will find a copy of our January 28, 1980 letter to General Electric which discusses the NRC staff's conclusions regarding proposed control rod drive (CRD) system modifications related to the elimination of cracking in the CRD return line nozzle. You will also find a copy of our February 11, 1980 letter to GE regarding additional analyses of boil-off rates and CRD system makeup capability. This letter also responds to a GE-proposed draft procedure for optimizing CRD pump flow to the reactor vessel.

We have requested that no modifications be performed on operating reactors until complete guidance has been issued in NUREG-0619. We understand, however, that prior to our request, modifications were performed at your facility under 10 CFR 50.59. NUREG-0619 will provide requirements for your facility. We anticipate issuing NUREG-0619 in its "For Comment" form in April 1980. If we can be of assistance, please contact your Project Manager.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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