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December 27, 1978

Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

SUBJECT: LER 78-009 - Fire Suppression Halon System for Relay and Computer Rooms not in Compliance with Technical Specification 3.14.4.1

Dear Mr. Grier:

This is to confirm my phone call to Mr. Lazarus on December 27, 1978, regarding LER 78-009.

On December 26, 1978 at 1500 hours, and contrary to Technical Specification 3.14.4.1, the Fire Watch established due to inoperable relay and computer room Halon System, was not located in the unprotected area. The Fire Watch was located in the Turbine Building, outside the relay room, where the Halon bottles are located. This was discovered by Q.C. personnel performing surveillance. The Fire Watch was located in the unprotected area immediately thereafter.

The Halon System was declared inoperable during the performance of periodic test PT-13.1.9, "Halon System Testing (Resetting) Computer Room and Relay Room" when while performing the manual initiation of the system CO₂ releasing mechanism, some of the CO₂ supply hoses to the Halon bottles disk cutting mechanism assemblies ruptured.

Please note that the Fire Detection Alarm System was operable at all times and available to Control Room personnel.

Very truly yours,

Bruce A. Snow
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Superintendent

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