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Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: Definition of Operability  
R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant  
Docket No. 50-244

Dear Mr. Crutchfield:

By letter dated April 10, 1980, we were requested to revise our Technical Specifications to incorporate additional clarification of the term "operable". Model Technical Specifications were provided as guidance.

Inasmuch as Ginna does not have Standard Technical Specifications, a careful review was necessary to determine the impact of the requested revisions in light of the existing Specifications. The review disclosed many instances where significantly faster shutdowns to cold shutdown would be required by the Ginna Technical Specifications with the proposed revision than by Standard Technical Specifications. This is due to the fact that the Ginna Technical Specifications do not contain the detailed Action Statements as are found in Standard Technical Specifications with their progressive stages of action. It was the judgement of both the Plant Operations Review Committee and the Nuclear Safety Audit and Review Board that the revised definition of the term "operable" should not be incorporated into the Ginna Technical Specifications without also adding the corresponding action statements. Further, it was concluded that such a significant revision need not be pursued at this time but may be deferred to be incorporated with the Technical Specification changes that may be forthcoming as

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a result of the Systematic Evaluation Program such as suggested in SEP Topics V-10.A and VIII-3.A In the interim, the guidance of the Staff's April 10 letter will be followed.

Very truly yours,



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