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Dear Dr. Mecredy:

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The NRC staff concludes that the requirement of the Code is impractical. The staff has determined that relief be granted and imposes an alternative inspection method pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(g)(6)(i) which is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property, or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. The staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed safety evaluation.

Therefore, the subject request for relief from the Code requirement is granted for the third 10-year inspection interval.

Sincerely,
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Docket No. 50-244

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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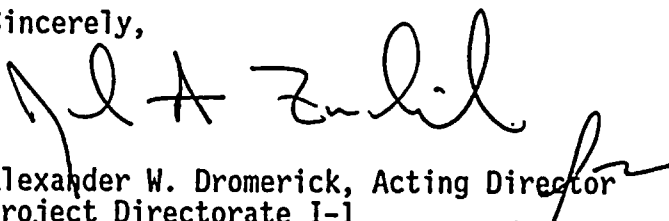
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