Docket No. 50-397 .

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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

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We presently have under review almost thirty applications for operating licenses. For your application, as well as most others, we are committing resources to assure that staff reviews are completed on an accelerated schedule. To assure proper allocation of resources, it is important that you provide us a realistic and up-to-date projected construction completion date. Because of manpower limitations, each review will be scheduled to fall in a "window" of time wherein our reviews must be completed. An unexpected change of your completion date or your ability to provide needed information in accordance with this schedule will likely have an impact on the schedule for your review.

Table 1 of the enclosed "Bevill Report", which was provided to Congress on May 29, 1981, provides schedules based on your latest official estimate of completion of construction. In forwarding that report, we informed Congress that a meeting to discuss your new preliminary schedule is planned for late in June 1981 and that after that meeting, which is scheduled for June 26, 1981, the review schedule would be modified as necessary. We look forward to this meeting in order to establish a new realistic completion date for scheduling purposes. Upon establishing that new completion date, you should also update your schedule on a quarterly basis thereafter until issuance of the Safety Evaluation Report for the

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely

Original signed by Darrell G. Eisenhut

Darrell G. Eisenhut, Director Division of Licensing

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