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 GL 96-06, "Assurance of Equipment Operability & Containment
 & Integrity During Design-Basis Accident Control."

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 96-06, "ASSURANCE OF EQUIPMENT
OPERABILITY AND CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY DURING DESIGN-BASIS
ACCIDENT CONDITIONS"**

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 1996, in response to NRC Generic Letter 96-06.

Your letter identified a concern about the extensive resource expenditures needed to respond to NRC requirements involving not only Generic Letter 96-06 but also several upcoming NRC inspections, another generic letter, and a bulletin. Your letter implied that, in addition to placing considerable burden on plant engineering and licensing resources, safe plant operation might be affected.

Following the Oversight Panel meeting of November 14, 1996, additional discussion with your staff clarified that continued safe plant operation was not affected by these activities, although you emphasized that requested time constraints for responses to all items may be difficult to achieve. We acknowledged your concern. However, we also emphasized that, although these NRC requests impose a considerable burden, the significance of these issues warrant timely response. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. E. Dyer".

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