

April 8, 1993

Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529,  
and 50-530

Mr. William F. Conway  
Executive Vice President, Nuclear  
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Dear Mr. Conway:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM THE ASME CODE, SECTION XI, HYDROSTATIC  
PRESSURE TEST REQUIREMENTS (TAC NOS. M85156, M85157, AND M85158)

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The staff concludes that the proposed alternative may be authorized pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3). This alternative will provide an acceptable level of quality and safety.

A copy of the related Safety Evaluation is enclosed. This completes the staff effort on this issue and closes TAC Nos. M85156, M85157, and M85158.

Sincerely,  
Original signed by

Theodore R. Quay, Director  
Project Directorate V  
Division of Reactor Projects III/IV/V  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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