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United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission - Region I
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406

RE: Docket No. 50-220
LER 80-03

Dear Mr. Grier:

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Surveillance schedules originally required that filters be tested once an operating cycle since this was within the 18 month limitation. Since that time, however, the operating cycle has been changed to 24 months. As a result of this, the elapsed time during testing exceeded 18 months.

The surveillance schedule for filter testing has been changed to provide test notification every 18 months rather than once an operating cycle. In addition, procedures will require that samples be taken for laboratory analysis when in-place testing is performed.

This violation posed no significant threat to the environment in the event of required usage of the systems. The subsequent laboratory analyses indicated that the samples were well within efficiency requirements.

Sincerely,

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