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SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION FOR THE COMBUSTION ENGINEERING OWNERS GROUP RESPONSE TO GENERIC LETTER 89-19, "REQUEST FOR ACTION RELATED TO RESOLUTION OF UNRESOLVED SAFETY ISSUE A-47 'SAFETY IMPLICATION OF CONTROL SYSTEMS IN LWR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS' PURSUANT TO 10 CFR 50.54(f)," AND THE CLOSEOUT OF THIS ISSUE - PALISADES PLANT (TAC NO. M74974)

Dear Mr. Haas:

Enclosed is the NRC Safety Evaluation addressing the Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) response, dated October 31, 1990, to Generic Letter (GL) 89-19. Based on the staff's review of the response which included a cost/safety benefit analysis, the staff has concluded that if the licensee for each CE plant had (1) implemented the appropriate operator training and procedures that address steam generator (SG) overfill events and small-break loss-of-coolant accident (SBLOCA) scenarios, and (2) performed an evaluation to confirm the applicability of the CEOG analyses to its plant, then the automatic overfill protection system is not necessary and the plant meets the recommendations of the GL. The staff's findings and conclusions are documented in the enclosed Safety Evaluation.

Your letter dated January 25, 1995, stated that you had reviewed the CEOG report and verified that the generic aspects of the report are applicable to your plant. Furthermore, your letter confirmed that your plant had already implemented the appropriate operator training and procedures addressing SG overfill events and SBLOCA scenarios. Your letter provides an adequate basis to consider our review of your response complete. Further NRC review, if any, will be performed by inspection or audit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-3024.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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