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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-255/97006(DRP)

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No violations or deviations of NRC requirements were identified.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, and the enclosed inspection report, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

/s/Geoffrey E. Grant

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
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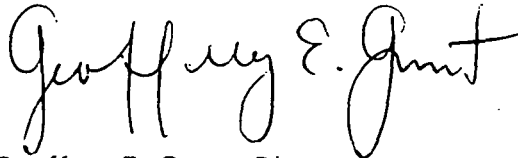
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