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Washington, D. C. 20555

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Docket No. 50-293

Containment Atmospheric Control System

Ref: (a) NRC Letter T. A. Ippolito to
G. C. Andognini dated 3/14/79

Dear Sir:

In Reference (a), you requested that we submit a schedule for installation and testing of a CAD System at Pilgrim Station, Unit #1. You also requested that we include a detailed description of design changes made to the original FSAR submittal as a result of the revised regulatory guidance.

Our current plans do not call for the installation of a CAD System. We intend to retain the present inerted containment atmosphere requirements, and we are evaluating a system that incorporates hydrogen recombination capability. This substantially upgraded system conceptual design has resulted from your revised regulatory guidance and our continuing intent to assure protection of the public health and safety.

Because of the extensive design changes resulting from the revised regulatory guidance, we are unable to commit at this time to any detailed design change. We will submit a summary description of our proposed system and our proposed schedule of implementation by September 15, 1979.

If you have any questions on this subject, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours, 2284 181

G. Carl Andognini

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