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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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RE: RII:GPC
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Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of December 12, 1979, concerning your inspection of our facilities conducted November 27-30, 1979, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201, Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations the following comments are made:

Although an incorrect criticality limit sign was posted at the washing machine work station, the washing machine operation was being conducted in accordance with the appropriate operating procedure. An investigation revealed that an improper sign was inadvertently placed on the washing machine. We agree that proper posting of criticality limit signs is important to enhance criticality safety.

The scrap recovery supervisor was notified of the problem, and took actions immediately to replace the sign with the proper one.

In addition to the above corrective action, the following has been performed:

1. All Controlled Area supervisors were re-instructed of the importance of proper criticality limit sign posting.

2. Routine inspections of the plant have emphasized criticality limit sign posting to assure proper implementation. No unusual problems have been encountered.

Consequently, we feel that this was an isolated event and that the appropriate response has been made.

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From our review of your inspection report, we have concluded that no proprietary information is identifiied. We trust that you find the above comments responsive to your letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please write me at the above address or telephone me at (803) 776-2610.

Sincerely,

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