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## Gentlemen:

To continue our evaluation of your January 3, 1973, request to operate the cycle 9 core, the following additional information is required:

- 1. Provide the fuel quality assurance program requested by our letter of December 4, 1972.
- 2. Provide information to justify the acceptability of using anodized zirconium cladding. Include information to justify that the mechanical performance of the cladding over the fuel rod lifetime is not significantly altered by impurities (e.g., H2 and N2) picked up by the cladding during anodizing. Also discuss the acceptability of the corrosion resistance of the anodized film for the anticipated service. If the 28 anodized rods are part of a test program to provide data to justify future insertion of a substantial loading of anodized clad rods, discuss the adequacy of the program to obtain the necessary data.

The requested information should be submitted with three signed originals and thirty-seven additional copies. Within two weeks of the date of this letter, provide a date on which the requested information will be submitted.

Sincerely,

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Dennis L. Ziemann, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2 Directorate of Licensing

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