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Region I
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
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Operating License DPR-50
Docket 50-289

Subject: Reportable Occurrence No. 77-22/1P

Dear Mr. Grier:

This telegram is to confirm the telecon between Mr. B. Davis (Region I-NRC) and Mr. C. E. Hartman (Engineer III-Nuclear) at 1345 hours on 25 August 1977.

In accordance with Technical Specification, Section 6.9.2.A(9), this is to report that as a result of the Babcock and Wilcox new Decay Heat pump operating limitations, remedial or corrective action could be required to prevent the existence or development of an unsafe condition.

The new limitations would restrict pump operation in only the recirculation mode to sixty (60) minutes during any consecutive twelve (12) month period in order to prevent planned operation in a mode that could reduce the life of the pump shaft.

Although B&W, as yet, has not provided the basis for this limit, it would appear that they do not permit "indefinite" operation on only pump recirculation as indicated by FSAR Section 6.1.2.1.2.

A procedure change has been initiated to incorporate the new limitations in the Decay Heat Removal Procedure.

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The results of our continued investigation into the basis for the new limitations, and any additional planned action will be forthcoming in the follow-up report.

Very truly yours,

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Unit I Superintendent

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