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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter of August 4, 1977, which responded to the Notice of Violation sent to you with our letter of July 13, 1977.

Item A of your response states that fire protection equipment is not considered safety-related and that an item of noncompliance did not exist. Criterion 3 of Appendix A to 10 CFR 50 requires that fire detection and fighting systems be provided to minimize the adverse effects of fire on structures, systems and components important to safety. This criterion and the introduction to Appendix A establishes that fire protection systems are safety-related. Failure to maintain the installed fire detection system in the reactor building could have an adverse effect on the safety of the plant and is considered to be noncompliance. Notwithstanding, corrective actions stated in your response to Item A are considered adequate. No further response in regard to this item is requested.

With regard to Item B of your response, instruments of the type identified in the Notice of Violation used to verify the operability and functional acceptability of safety-related systems as required by facility Technical Specifications clearly places such instruments in the category covered by Criterion XII of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50 and Section 17.2.12 of the Duke Power Company Quality Assurance Program Topical Report. Accordingly, with respect to Item B, please submit an additional written response to this office, within ten (10) days of your receipt of this letter, which provides the information required by Section 2.201(a) of 10 CFR 2.

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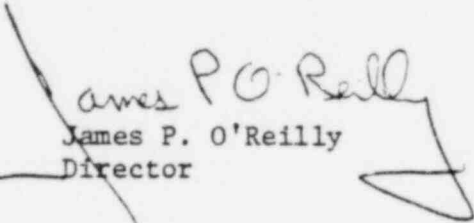
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Your response should also address your administrative system for identifying safety-related structures, systems and components and your planned corrective action.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss the matter further.

Very truly yours,


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