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Gentlemen:

RE:

We have recently sent the enclosed letter to Babcock & Wilcox Company regarding the potential for excessive control rod guide tube wear at facilities using the Baw design. This information is required to assess the significance of control rod guide tube wear at your facility.

We requested the required information from the vendor, in order to provide us with an overall assessment of this problem and to minimize the amount of utility, wendor and NRC staff work required. However, should this approach to obtain the necessary information not be successful, a direct response to the enclosed questions, from each licensee utilizing the Baw design, will be required.

We request your cooperation with B&W in generating and analyzing the control rod quide tube wear data necessary to address this concern.

Sincerely.

Original signed by Steven A. Yarga

Domenic B. Vassallo, Assistant Director for Light Water Reactors Division of Project Management

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