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November 9, 1989

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Dear Ms. Hiatt:

This letter confirms our telephone conversation of November 1, 1989, in which I described some of NRC's current activities regarding service water system problems, biofouling, and more specifically, the issue involving Zebra mussel biofouling.

As you know, we recently issued Generic Letter 89-13 on service water system problems affecting safety-related equipment at nuclear power plants. One of these problems is biofouling. Although our generic letter mentioned Asiatic clams, American oysters, and blue mussels as examples of biofouling agents, the recommended actions in the letter were not intended to apply exclusively to just these agents. We consider Generic Letter 89-13 to apply equally well to Zebra mussel biofouling problems. However, as you recommended in your letter to Charles E. Rossi dated October 26, 1989, we are drafting for consideration an information notice concerning Zebra mussels.

In addition, I have spoken at the first meeting listed below and will be taking advantage of the other opportunities listed below to speak with industry representatives about service water system problems, including the Zebra mussel biofouling issue.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>
November 6-8	Energy Power Research Institute Service Water System Working Group Workshop	Charlotte, North Carolina
November 28	NRC Region I Workshop on Generic Letter 89-13	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 29	International Conference on Zebra Mussel Invasion of Great Lakes	Rochester, New York
November 30	NRC Region II Workshop on Generic Letter 89-13	Atlanta, Georgia
December 5	NRC Region III Workshop on Generic Letter 89-13	Chicago, Illinois

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December 7 NRC Regions IV and V Denver, Colorado
Workshop on Generic
Letter 89-13

I wish to thank you for your continuing interest in maintaining nuclear power plant safety.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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