

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

December 11, 1989

Docket No. 50-293

Mr. Ralph G. Bird Senior Vice President - Nuclear Boston Edison Company Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station RFD #1 Rocky Hill Road Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Dear Mr. Bird:

SUBJECT: GENERIC LETTER 88-20, SUPPLEMENT 1, INDIVIDUAL PLANT EXAMINATIONS (1PE) AND GENERIC LETTER 89-16, INSTALLATION OF HARDENED WETWELL VENT

REFERENCE: TAC Numbers 74451 and 74878

We received your letter dated October 27, 1989, in response to Generic Letter (GL) 88-20, Supplement 1. We indicated by letter dated October 31, 1989, that the NRC IPE review team would review your proposed IPE plan and schedules. We further indicated that, if the plan and/or schedules were unacceptable, you would be contacted and; if acceptable, we would document the acceptability by December 1, 1989. However, due to the effort required to complete the reviews of all licensee's submittals, we expect to complete our review by the end of December or the first part of January. We will contact you sooner if we determine your plan or schedules for Pilgrim are unacceptable.

As noted in your October 31, 1989 letter, containment performance improvements have been implemented as part of the self-initiated Safety Enhancement Program (SEP). The improvements implemented during the SEP encompassed the Mark I enhancements discussed in the GLs including a hardened wetwell vent.

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Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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