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Gentlemen:

On August 5, 1974, in response to your request dated June 20, 1974, the Atomic Energy Commission extended until April 4, 1975, the time to file an evaluation of ECCS performance in conformity with the requirements of 10 CFR \$ 50.46 (Determination with Respect to Variance from the Interim Acceptance Criteria and Extension of Time in Submitting Evaluation for the Acceptance Criteria for Emergency Core Cooling Systems, see 39 F.R. 29611, August 16, 1974). The Determination also authorized a variance from the requirements of the Interim Acceptance Criteria to provide for the installation of a High Pressure Coolant Injection System until September 1, 1976, or until operation in conformity with the Acceptance Criteria 10 CFR \$ 50.46 is required.

If you intend to request an exemption from the operating requirements of proposed Technical Specifications which are required to be submitted along with your evaluation of ECCS performance in accordance with 10 CFR \$ 50.46 (such a suggestion was made in your letter of June 10, 1974), such request should, in accordance with 10 CFR \$ 50.46(e)(2)(vi), be submitted not less than 45 days prior to the date upon which the plant would otherwise be required to operate in accordance with the procedures of 10 CFR \$ 50.46(a)(2)(iv), or in this case 45 days prior to April 4, 1975, the last day for submittal of your evaluation and proposed Technical Specifications.

Please note that, if an exemption to provide for installation of the High Pressure Coolant Injection System (and any other system modifications) is required in order for you to comply with the operating requirements resulting from the provisions of 10 CFR 8 50.46, you should file your request for exemptions from such requirement pursuant to 10 CFR 8 50.46(a)(2)(vi), notwithstanding the variance granted on August 5, 1974, from the requirements of IAC.

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If you intend to request any exemptions from the operating requirements of 10 CFR 8 50.46, you should carefully note the Commission's guidance as to such exemption requests. (See the Commission's Memorandum and Order, "In the Matter of Certain Requests for Exemptions from Emergency Core Cooling System Criteria," August 5, 1974, CLI-74-31, RAI-74-8, p. 213; See also, Commission's Memorandum and Order, dated November 8, 1974, In the Matter of Virginia Electric & Power Company (Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2), CLI-74-41, RAI-74-11-816).

Sincerely,

Original signed by Donnia L. Ziemast

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