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Mr. Boyce Grier, Director
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 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Grier:

Reference: OI&E Bulletin 78-07 - Air Line Respirators and Supplied
 Air Hoods

In response to the above referenced bulletin, Northeast Nuclear Energy
 Company hereby supplies the following information:

Air-line supplied air respirators operated in the demand mode are not
 used at the site. All such respirators are either continuous flow or
 pressure-demand. Therefore, no action is required.

Although supplied air hoods are used, at the site, no protection factors
 are assumed to ensure compliance with 10CFR20.103. The hoods are used
 simply as a matter of good operating practice in order to maintain
 exposures ALARA. Compliance with 10CFR20.103 is maintained through the
 use of controls such as stay-time limits, logs of MPC hours, or the use
 of breathing zone air samplers.

Since certain plant procedures include tables of protection factors for
 various respirators to be used as guidance in selecting a respirator for
 ALARA purposes, these tables will be modified to incorporate the information
 contained in Bulletin 78-07.

Very truly yours,

NORTHEAST NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY

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