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Mr. James G. Keppler, Director
Region III
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
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Dear Mr. Keppler:

Subject: Interim Report of a Potential 10CFR50.55(e) Item on
Calibration of Torque Wrenches (#40)

On March 3, 1981, Detroit Edison's Mr. H. A. Walker, Supervisor, Construction Quality Assurance, telephoned Mr. J. E. Konklin of NRC Region III to report on a potential problem with calibration of torque wrenches at the Fermi 2 Site.

It had been noted during an audit of Wismer and Becker that there was a problem in the specification of calibration tolerances for calibration of torque wrenches. Wismer and Becker documents indicated that the tolerances to be used for torque wrench calibration match those of Federal Specification GGG-W-00686C when they actually did not. This tolerance has now been changed and is consistent with the Federal Standard. In addition to this, a number of wrenches were received from the Toledo Testing Laboratory exceeding calibration requirements without specific notifications being made that they were out of calibration. A number of these wrenches were issued and used. We have no evidence at the present time that this is a hardware problem. Investigation is continuing and appropriate action is being taken.

Another report, either interim or final, is scheduled to be sent to you on or before July 29, 1981. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. H. A. Walker, Supervisor, Construction Quality Assurance.

Very truly yours,

Donald A. Wells, Manager
Quality Assurance

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