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Docket No. 50-133

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Dear Mr. Crane:

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Since Humboldt Bay Unit 3 does not meet current operational requirements and no plans have been proposed to NRC for bringing it into compliance with these requirements, it appears that the useful life of Unit 3 as an operating nuclear power reactor may be at an end.

Therefore, I am requesting that you submit information under 10 CFR 50.54(f) as described in the enclosed Request for Information. This information, which must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this letter, will be used to determine whether the operating authority in License No. DPR-7 should be revoked.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Novak".

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