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Dear Mr. Trevors:

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S DECISION UNDER 10 CFR 2.206 REGARDING BWR DESIGN PROBLEMS

Enclosed for your information are copies of a Director's Decision, letter of transmittal, and Federal Register notice issued by the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (Director) in response to a Petition filed under 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The Petition was filed by Ms. Anna Harlowe on behalf of the Ecology Center of Southern California.

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Sincerely, *Original Signed By*
Frederick J. Hebdon

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Division of Reactor Projects - III,
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Enclosures:

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