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The purpose of the reference to the DuBose letter of October 25, 1989 in the Information Notice was to alert licensees to the potential defect in the PVN material supplied to DuBose. Under 10 CFR Part 21, DuBose was required to either inform their customers of the potential defect or to notify NRC of the matter. Because DuBose was not in a position to notify their customers of the potential defect but did notify NRC, NRC must then assure that licensees are adequately informed of the potential defect so that any resulting safety impact could be evaluated by the licensees and corrective actions taken as appropriate. The Information Notice was not intended to convey any direct or implied reference to the quality of DuBose's record systems.

I trust the above information is responsive to the concerns you raised in your December 13, 1989 letter and clarifies the NRC action taken.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Charles E. Rossi, Director
Division of Operational Events Assessment
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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