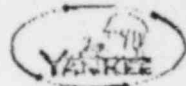


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October 19, 1972

United States Atomic Energy Commission
Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region 1
970 Broad Street
Newark, N. J. 07102

Attention: Mr. James O'Reilly

Reference: Operating License DPR-3
Docket No. 50-29
Abnormal Occurrence No. 72-18, 10/18/72, 1340 hours

Dear Sir:

During a reactor scram and turbine trip from 498 MWt, control rod No. 19 failed to fall completely into the core; dropping from 90 inches to approximately 24 inches.

Since the plant is operated in accordance with the provisions of Change No. 100, the decision was made to withdraw the safety group "D" including control rod No. 19 to 90 inches and return the plant to service.

Very truly yours,

David B. Pike

for Herbert A. Autio
Plant Superintendent

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