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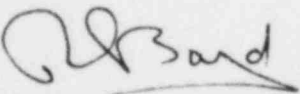
Dear Mr. Faulkner:

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The BWR Licensing Review Group has been working with the General Electric Company on the general consideration of reactor vessel inventory make-up rates vis-a-vis the control rod drive system. As a consequence of this effort, we have prepared the enclosed "White Paper" which shows that the staff position on CRD system testing, outlined in Section 8.1 of NUREG-0619, "BWR Feedwater Nozzle and Control Rod Drive Return Line Nozzle Cracking" is satisfied by subsequent ECCS system modifications, present use of emergency procedure guidelines, plant fire protection capability, and particular preoperational activities planned for the LRG plants. The White Paper discusses why this is so.

Since resolution of this issue is rapidly approaching the critical path for some of the LRG plants, such as Susquehanna, we would appreciate NRR staff review of this White Paper as soon as possible. If it would be helpful to meet with the Group to discuss this issue in further detail, please let me know and I will arrange it.

Sincerely,

for 
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