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Gentlemen:

This letter forwards the Special Report required to be submitted pursuant to Technical Specification 3.3.3.7.b. This report identifies that the seven (7) fire detectors in circuit FLP3-3, for the East Penetration area, Zone 37, within Containment listed in Technical Specification table 3.3-10, item number 1, were out of service for 32 days (5/11/93 to 6/11/93). The seven detectors were not in service due to one detector failure.

A Containment entry was made and a tailed fire detector was found and replaced. The FLP3-3 detectors are wired such that a failure of one will mask all other detectors in that circuit from alarming on the local panel (FLP3) or the main control room, thus making the complete set of detectors inoperable. During the 32 days the detectors were inoperable the plant complied with action "a" of Technical Specification 3.3.3.7, by monitoring Containment air temperatures.

The event is being reported in accordance with Specification 6.9.2 and Technical Specification 3.3.3.7.b. There were no safety consequences resulting from this event, because the plant complied with action "a" of Technical Specification 3.3.3.7. This action requires an inspection of the Containment at least once very 8 hours or monitoring of the Containment air temperatures at least one per hour at the location listed in Specification 4.6.1.5, which provides a good representation of the Containment air temperature in the East Penetration area. These air temperatures were monitored hourly in accordance with Technical Specification 3.3.3.7.b, until the failed detector was replaced on 6/11/93.

We trust you find this information satisfactory.

Very truly yours.

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