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Licensee Event Report 50-458/89-010-04

Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(i)(B), enclosed is supplement 4 to LER 89-010 concerning fire barrier penetration seals. As discussed in our phone conversation with Messrs. J. Gagliardo, M. Murphy and E. Collins from NRC Region IV on December 10, 1993, a 100% inspection of all fire barrier penetration seals was completed on December 7, 1993. However, as part of the penetration seal corrective action effort a variety of penetration seal configurations were tested. Due to the results of these tests, an engineering evaluation cannot qualify at least 24 penetration seals. Rework of these seals cannot be completed while the plant is operating since secondary containment integrity would be impacted. As a result the completion date for reworking or dispositioning all deficient penetration seals was extended to the end of the next refueling outage which is currently scheduled to begin April 15, 1994. This supplement provides the current status of corrective actions. Details of the tests conducted of various penetration seal configurations will be provided to the NRC in a special report.

Very truly yours,

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