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August 7, 1990

Docket No. 50-346

Mr. Donald C. Shelton Vice President - Nuclear Toledo Edison Company Edison Plaza - Stop 712 300 Madison Avenue Toledo, Ohio 4365

Dear Mr. Shelton:

SUBJECT: NRC BULLET. NO. 88-11, "PRESSURIZER SURGE LINE THERMAL

STRATIFICATION" - EVALUATION OF BABCOCK AND WILCOX OWNERS GROUP

BOUNDING ANALYSIS (TAC NO. M72128)

By letter dated June 2, 1989, the Toledo Edison Company responded to Item 1.b of NRC Bulletin No. 88-11, "Pressurizer Surge Line Thermal Stratification." The letter stated that a bounding analysis performed by the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group (B&WOG) is applicable to the Davis-Besse facility and indicated that the pressurizer surge line (PSL) may not satisfy the ASME Section III Code criteria for the operating life of the plant when the effects of thermal stratification are taken into account. The analysis did, however, state that the integrity of the PSL was adequate to justify continued operation of the facility for several more years.

The staff has completed its review of the B&WOG bounding analysis and finds that sufficient information has been provided to justify continued plant operation until Toledo Edison completes its final report in accordance with the schedule delineated by the Bulletin. However, issues have been identified which need to be resolved before the staff can conclude that the PSL meets all appropriate Code limits for the 40-year plant operating life. A copy of the evaluation which was sent to the B&WOG is enclosed for your information.

You may work collectively through the B&WOG effort to address the issues identified in the evaluation, but Toledo Edison is responsible to ensure that the Bulletin requested actions are fully implemented at the Davis-Besse facility.

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The staff will assess the conformance of the PSL to applicable Codes and regulatory requirements for the 40-year plant operating life when the B&WOG report regarding Item 1.d of the Bulletin is submitted.

Sincerely,

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