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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket Nos. 50-369
and 50-370

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Dear Mr. Parker:

SUBJECT: ACTIVATED CHARCOAL-AIR FILTRATION SYSTEM
(McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

Your letter of October 16, 1978 requested a limited exemption from technical specification filtration system testing criteria as set forth in Regulatory Guide 1.52 (Revision 2, March 1978). We have reviewed the available pre-operational laboratory test results of the installed charcoal used at McGuire and in various other plant filter systems. Although the charcoal does not satisfy all of the proposed technical specification testing requirements of newly installed charcoal, we have determined that the differences between these test results and those required by the technical specifications would not have a significant impact on the health and safety of the public were a design base accident to occur before the first required test period.

We will exempt the McGuire Station from compliance with the technical specifications applying to charcoal testing until (1) the first regularly scheduled refueling outage or (2) the currently installed charcoal is replaced, whichever occurs first. This matter will be reflected in the McGuire Operating License.

Sincerely,

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