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In the Matter of
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, ET AL.
(Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-440 OL, 50-441 OL

Dear Members of the Board:

In its Memorandum and Order 'Concerning Discovery from Staff on Hydrogen Issue) dated December 23, 1982 the Board requested prompt notification if either the Applicants or the Staff will rely on containment strength as a line of defense against a hydrogen explosion. Because the Staff cannot state unequivocally that it will not rely on containment strength as a line of defense against a hydgrogen explosion, the Staff will provide answers to OCRE Interrogatories 6-5, 6-12, 6-13, 6-26 and 6-30.

Sincerely.

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