Docket No. 52-004

Mr. Patrick W. Marriott, Manager Licensing & Consulting Services GE Nuclear Energy 175 Curtner Avenue San Jose, California 95125

Dear Mr. Marriott:

SUBJECT: COOPERATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LA

PROTEZIONE DE L'AMBIENTE - DIREZIONE CENTRALE SICUREZZA NUCLEARE E PROTEZIONE SANITARIA (ANPA-DISP) FOR THE SIMPLIFIED BOILING WATER

REACTOR (SBWR) REVIEW ACTIVITIES

As you are probably aware, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has a cooperative exchange agreement with ANPA-DISP, the Italian nuclear regulator, concerning the safety review of the SBWR design. One element in this program of cooperation is the assistance of ANPA-DISP personnel in monitoring certain tests in the Italian PANTHERS test facility.

NRC's plan is to monitor selected matrix tests, in company with our ANPA-DISP colleagues, where NRC travel plans permit. In other cases where we are not able to travel to the facility but find it to be desirable to monitor a test, we will invite our ANPA-DISP colleagues to do so on our behalf. As the details of your PANTHERS testing schedule are made know to us, we will be in a position to coordinate with ANPA-DISP which tests are to be monitored, and will inform you of our plans.

In order to facilitate this arrangement, please forward this information to your contractors who are in charge of running the above-mentioned test series. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. G. D. McPherson at (301) 504-1246 or Ms. Melinda Malloy at (301) 504-1178.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by W. Travers for)
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