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Docket No. 50-341

The Detroit Edison Company ATTN: W. S. Orser

Senior Vice President Nuclear Generation 6400 North Dixie Tighway Newport, MI 4816

## Gentlemen:

This refers to your letter NRC-90-0091 dated July 2, 1990, in which you requested NRC approval to delete your commitment to complete 100% audit coverage of the Technical Specification line items every five years in order to free up audit resources to broaden the application of performance based auditing principles. The justification for the delevion was based on the fact that you had completed the first 100% audit coverage of the line items, had found only one significant finding over the last four years, and had expended over thirty percent of the entire audit budget to perform them.

This request was discussed with Messrs. W. E. Miller, D. Delk, and others of your staff on October 9, 1990, in the Region III office. Based on our review and evaluation of your request and the above discussion, we understand that future audits and surveillances of technical specification line items will be performance based. In addition, we understand that the annual sampling of the line items to be reviewed will focus on prior findings, technical specification changes, and ensure that the overall sample of items reviewed over time is not narrowly scoped. Based on this understanding, your request is approved.

Please contact Mr. Nonte Phillips of my staff (708/790-5530) with any questions you have regarding this matter.

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Sincerely,

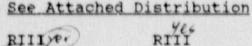
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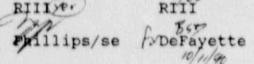
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Hubert J. Miller, Director Division of Reactor Safety





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