

Mr. A. Clegg Crawford
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

SUBJECT: COMPONENT REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

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The removal of the "A" and "B" circulators was proposed in your letter of May 22, 1990 (item 6). In the staff's response, dated June 21, 1990, we urged that this action be delayed until a possession-only license was issued but offered to reconsider our view in light of any additional information you might wish to provide. With respect to the circulators, such information was presented in your letters of November 5 and 7, 1990. Based on the additional information, we have determined that since you have a spare circulator on site, you may proceed with disposal of the "B" circulator and that you may remove the "A" circulator for on-site retention. Those actions do not constitute irreversible actions with respect to a potential return to power. Other component removal activities should not be accomplished until after the possession-only license is issued unless the proposed action does not constitute an irreversible action with respect to a return to power operations.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Seymour H. Weiss, Director
Non-Power Reactors, Decommissioning and
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Division of Advanced Reactors
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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