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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk Secretary U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

SUBJECT:

Request for Extended Comment Period on Proposed rule change to Include Containment Requirements in Inservice Inspection Programs (59 Federal Register 979-January 7, 1994)

Dear Mr. Chilk:

On January 7, 1994, the Federal Register (59 Fed. Reg. 979) noticed the proposed rule change to 10 CFR Part 50, to incorporate by reference the 1992 Edition with the 1992 Addenda of Subsection IWE and IWL containment requirements of Section XI, Division 1 of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) with specific modifications and a limitation. The Federal Register notice requests that comments be received by March 23, 1994. The Nuclear Management and Resources Council (NUMARC) on behalf of the nuclear industry requests an extension of the comment period to April 25, 1994.

The extension is requested for the review that is required to provide necessary and constructive comments on the proposed rule change.

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NUMARC is the organization of the nuclear power industry that is responsible for coordinating the combined efforts of all utilities licensed by the NRC to construct or operate nuclear power plants, and of other nuclear industry organizations, in all matters involving generic regulatory policy issues and on the regulatory aspects of generic operational and technical issues affecting the nuclear power industry. Every utility responsible for constructing or operating a commercial nuclear power plant in the United States is a member of NUMARC. In addition, NUMARC's members include major architect/engineering firms and all of the major nuclear steam supply system vendors.

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We would appreciate your timely consideration and response to this request for extension of the comment period. If you have any questions, please call Jim Perry or me.

Sincerely

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