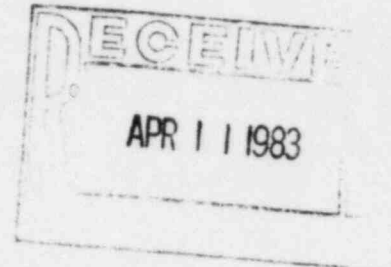


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Attention: Uldis Potapovs, Chief
Vendor Program Branch

Reference: NRC Letter - Docket No. 99900403/82-03
March 17, 1983

Dear Mr. Potapovs:

This is in response to your letter of March 17, 1983, in which you requested additional information relative to our control of potential design action items. Mr. Bruggeman has requested that I respond to your letter in his behalf.

1. Engineering Operation Procedure (EOP) 55-4.00, "Change Control Board," is a part of our overall design change control procedure system. Design action list items have been historically controlled and dispositioned by the Change Control Board (CCB). The July 14, 1982, revision of EOP 55-4.00 formalized the requirement that the CCB maintain a list of potential design action items. The chairman of the CCB supplemented the EOP by issuing a detailed procedure for the control of potential design action items on July 14, 1982. The detailed procedure requires CCB review and approval of the disposition of potential design action list items. The CCB review criteria are formally documented in the EOP's on change control.

The above procedures are available for your inspection.

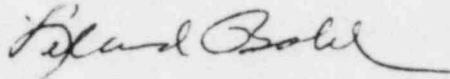
2. We have assurance that design actions are formally controlled because (1) the requirements for design actions are formally documented in EOPs and supplementary procedures, (2) frequent internal

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and external audits of our design control system have not revealed informal dispositions of design actions, and (3) historically, the disposition of design action list items has been formally reviewed and approved by the CCB.

Sincerely,



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