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United States Atomic Energy Commission
Directorate of Licensing
Washington, D. C. 20545

Attention: Mr. A. Giambusso
Deputy Director for Reactor Projects

Reference: Provisional License DPR-21
Docket No. 50-245
Abnormal Occurrence AO-72-26

Dear Mr. Giambusso:

At the request of Mr. Capton of the Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Region One, the following is reported as Abnormal Occurrence AO-72-26:

While performing a visual inspection of the feedwater spargers during the refueling operations, it was noted that two of the four spargers had noticeable circumferential cracks. All four spargers have been removed and a visual inspection has revealed additional small cracks in same two spargers that contained the larger cracks.

Although the feedwater spargers are an integral part of the feedwater coolant injection (FWCI), it is felt that the Feedwater Coolant Injection System would function as designed with or without the spargers, thus no threat to the Feedwater Coolant Injection System existed.

As investigation is underway to ascertain the actual condition of all four spargers so that the four new spargers may be fabricated in such a manner to avoid recurrence of the problem.

A full report on the feedwater spargers will be submitted at the time of the vessel chloride intrusion report (AO-72-22).

Yours truly,

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