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Gentlemen:

In January 1984, the NRC Region IV office began a special inspection of the coatings program at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station in response to allegations that had been received regarding the adequacy of the coatings. To assist us in this inspection, we have contracted with Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) for assistance in the onsite inspection program.

The principal purpose of this special inspection is to examine the adequacy of the applied protective coatings. Our contractors have now completed three trips to the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station to review your procedures and practices for the application and inspection of protective coatings. In order to complete our review, we require additional information, as identified in Section III of the enclosed "Interim Report on Protective Coatings" prepared by Brookhaven National Laboratory, dated April 25, 1984. We request that you provide this to us within 30 days from your receipt of this letter.

As documented in the interim BNL report, our contractor has identified two general areas of concern which are summarized as items 2 and 3 of interim report Section V. Also within 30 days from the date of this letter, please respond to this office with your evaluation of the safety significance of these findings. Your response should address the specific concerns identified in the interim report and for each concern provide: (1) information that supports your position as to the safety significance of the concern, (2) a description of corrective actions that will be taken to alleviate safety questions associated with each significant concern, and (3) a description of actions that will be taken to prevent any safety significant concerns from recurring in the remaining coatings program work. Your response should also describe the actions that will be taken to modify the backfit program so that its conclusions will address the adequacy of applied coatings as far as the total coatings system is concerned.

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A copy of the April 25, 1984, interim BNL report has been filed with the ASLB and parties to the hearing.

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. D. M. Hunnicutt at 817/860-8137 or me at 817/860-8248.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Richard L. Bangart, Director
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Enclosure:
As stated

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