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MEMORANDUM FOR: R. F. Warnick, Director, Office of Special Cases

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A. Bert Davis, Deputy Regional Administrator

SUBJECT:

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As discussed with you on April 26, 1983, I stated that a commitment date for inspections related to this subject would be provided to Mr. Rehm. The date provided was June 30, 1983. Please plan your schedule to accomplish and document this inspection by that date. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Deputy Regional Administrator

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MIDLAND ENERGY CENTER PROJECT
APPLICATION OF EXCAVATION WORK PERMIT SYSTEM
FILE 0485.16 SERIAL 20506

This letter responds to questions raised by Dr R B Landsman during the ASLB Board hearings the week of February 14-18, 1983 as to why the Excavation Permit System did not include the underpinning work.

The Excavation Permit System is intended for general excavations on site and for those activities not covered and/or specifically located by design documents. Examples of these activities are excavation for temporary utilities, slabs, roads, exploratory pits to locate utilities and temporary and permanent wells. These permits are reviewed by appropriate discipline field engineers and superintendents to ensure that foundation subgrades for structures are not disturbed, the integrity of compacted backfill is maintained, and existing buried utilities are protected.

An equivalent system of protection is in existence for underpinning work. All of the work associated with the major underpinning activities is covered by detailed procedures, drawings, quality plans and specifications and is monitored by field engineering, resident engineering and MPQAD Soils. The design provides for protecting foundations of adjacent structures. It specifies that the integrity of existing compacted backfill that is not to be replaced be maintained by use of lagging, bracing and/or soldier piles during excavation. It also provides protection for all known underground utilities.

In the control tower area, the buried duct banks will be supported during underpinning as shown on C-1439 series drawings. The permanent support of these utilities is being incorporated in the permanent underpinning design. In the Service Water Pump Structure area, the braced excavation design incorporates all known utilities. Details of support for these pipes and duct banks are shown on C-2031 series drawings. All probing including those for establishing water levels and soils stabilization is carried out in accordance with approved procedures and under the surveillance of the resident geotechnical engineering staff.

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Design documents are coordinated with representatives of engineering, construction and the quality groups, to provide the necessary control. Also, Appendix E of Specification C-200 addresses corrective measures for unplanned events. A further control of the underpinning activities is provided through the use of the CP Co-NRC Work Authorization Procedure and the soils work permit system.

As explained above, it is evident that the underpinning work is adequately controlled to protect subgrades for adjacent structures, to maintain the integrity of compacted backfill, and to protect buried utilities. Therefore, CP Co believes that it is not necessary to use the Excavation Permit System for this work.

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