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Docket No. 50-298

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Dear Mr. Pilant:

SUBJECT: CONTAINMENT PURGE AND VENT ISSUE (MULTI-PLANT ACTION ITEM B-24) - SAFETY EVALUATION OF THE RADIOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF A LOCA DURING CONTAINMENT PURGING AND RESOLUTION OF CONTAINMENT PURGE AND VENT OPERABILITY

Re: Cooper Nuclear Station

The staff has completed its review of the radiological consequences of a LOCA during containment purging. The enclosed Safety Evaluation completes this aspect of the purge and vent issue (Multi-Plant Action Item B-24).

The staff and its consultant, Brookhaven National Laboratory, have performed an acceptance review of your December 15, 1983 submittal, which contained additional information informally requested by the staff to resolve concerns identified during our review of your December 18, 1979 and August 8, 1983 submittals. Based on this acceptance review, we have determined that your last submittal provides information addressing all of our remaining concerns. Therefore, we consider the purge and vent operability aspect of Multi-Plant Action IL m B-24 to be closed. Any problems resulting from our detailed review of your December 15, 1983 submittal will be resolved on a plant-specific basis.

Sincerely,

Original signed by RAHermann for/

Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #2 Division of Licensing

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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