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Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

SUBJECT: CLOSEOUT OF NRC BULLETIN NO. 88-09: THIMBLE TUBE THINNING IN  
WESTINGHOUSE REACTORS, SEABROOK STATION, UNIT 1 (TAC NO. M72679)

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we have reviewed your response to NRC Bulletin 88-09 and now consider the issue closed.

By your letters number NYN-90010, dated January 11, 1990, number NYN-91168, dated October 18, 1991, and number NYN-91180, dated November 4, 1991, New Hampshire Yankee responded to NRC Bulletin Number 88-09 for the Seabrook Station, Unit 1. In NYN-91168, it is stated that the Seabrook Incore Instrument Thimble Inspection and Monitoring Program has been established and that the Incore Instrument Thimble Tubes were inspected by Eddy Current Testing during the first refueling outage in September, 1991. It is further stated that no observable wear of the outer housing tubes or inner calibration tubes was observed and that the next thimble tube inspection would occur during the third refueling outage. In NYN-91180 you indicated that all implementation is complete.

Based on our review of your submittals, we conclude that the actions taken to date fully respond to the issues identified in the subject bulletin. Therefore, we consider this issue closed and TAC No. M72679 is closed by this letter. The staff may conduct an inspection of your implementation at a later time.

Sincerely,

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