May 29, 1984

Docket No. 50-293

Mr. William D. Harrington Senior Vice President, Nuclear Boston Edison Company 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199

Dear Mr. Harrington:

SUBJECT: NUREG-0619, BWR FEEDWATER NOZZLE AND

CRD RETURN LINE NOZZLE CRACKING

Re: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

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We have completed our safety review of the information provided in your July 26, 1983 letter and earlier submittals concerning BWR feedwater nozzle and CRD return line nozzle cracking. Based on the results of this review, we conclude that appropriate modifications are being made at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station to limit crack growth in the feedwater nozzles and the control rod drive return line nozzles.

We also conclude that rerouting of the reactor water cleanup system and the installation of a new low-flow controller in the feedwater system are unnecessary. Routine inspections of the feedwater nozzles and spargers should continue at the intervals specified in Table 2 of NUREG-0619.

A copy of the staff's Safety Evaluation is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by/

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

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

cc w/enclosure: See next page

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