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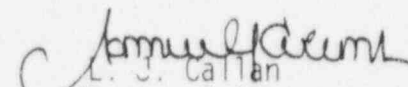
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER

On January 12, 1996, this Office issued Confirmatory Action Letter 4-96-01 in response to an event that you reported to NRC on January 4, 1996, involving the Shim-2 control rod that did not insert on January 4, 1996, during a reactor shutdown at your TRIGA reactor facility. In response to the confirmatory action letter, you sent us letters on January 17, 1996 and January 25, 1996 in which you discussed the results of your followup 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations, the results of your investigation as to why the control rod did not insert, and proposed actions to resume reactor operations.

Your proposed restart procedures included the removal of the Westinghouse-Hanford Shim-2 Control Rod (FFCR# 8322) from the core and the replacement of it with the original Control Rod (FFCR# 5765) which was previously removed from the core on December 12, 1995. With these changes in place, the reactor will be in the same configuration as it was prior to placing Control Rod FFCR# 8322 in the core on December 12, 1995.

We have no further questions at this time in regards to your proposed restart actions. Accordingly, based on the implementation of the restart procedures contained in your January 25, 1996, letter, you are authorized to reload the core and resume normal reactor operations. The disposition of enforcement actions regarding the performance of 10 CFR 50.59 evaluations will be addressed during a future inspection of your facility.

Sincerely,


L. J. Callan
Regional Administrator

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