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Dear Mr. Holtzscher:

Subject: NRC Staff Evaluation Findings and Position on Periodic Low Pressure Leakage Testing of the Drywell (Generic Issue 3-CSB)

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The staff has evaluated the LRG-II position and concludes that the low pressure testing frequency of 18 months should be maintained. The basis for this conclusion is detailed in the enclosed staff evaluation report.

By copy of this letter, each member of the LRG-II should document in their respective dockets, their commitments for performing the tests required. Should further discussion be required it is suggested that such discussion be conducted with the staff on a plant-specific basis.

Sincerely,

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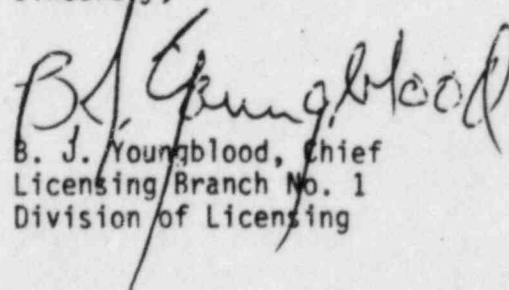
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