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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/96-04

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. C. Myers and M. Runyan of this office on March 18-22, 1996 at the Washington Nuclear Project-2 facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection involved a review of activities performed by your staff to complete commitments made in response to Generic Letter 89-10, "Safety-Related Motor-Operated Valves Testing and Surveillance." Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observation of activities in progress. The results of this inspection are documented on Page 1 of the enclosed report.

The inspection found that you have completed your test program and have adequately demonstrated the existing design basis capability of the motor-operated valves in your Generic Letter 89-10 program. In addition, you have adequately implemented long-term measures for maintaining the design basis capability of your motor-operated valves. However, the inspection noted that several test return valves in safety-related systems had been deleted from the scope of your Generic Letter 89-10 program. Although the inspectors did not identify an operability concern for these valves, the basis for your deletion of these valves is currently under review by the Boiling Water Reactor Owners' Group and NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. We understand that you will maintain a technical justification for the existing capability of these valves to reposition to their safety position while this issue is being resolved.

The inspection also identified a potential program weakness, in that your administrative controls did not require the use of justified valve factors in operability determinations for safety-related motor-operated valves. While the existing capability of these valves was adequate, this program weakness raises a potential concern for the long-term maintenance of the design basis

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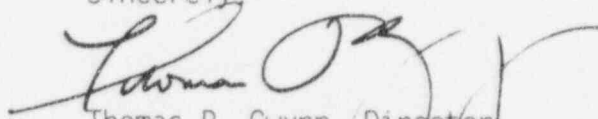
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capability of your motor-operated valves. At the exit meeting, your staff committed to review your existing administrative controls for operability determinations to ensure that the critical performance parameters, such as valve factors, justified under your Generic Letter 89-10 program are consistently used as the basis for motor-operated valve operability. If your understanding of the commitment is different from ours, please notify me immediately.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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