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Dear Ms. Curran:

In response to a ruling by the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published on March 7, 1984, a proposed rule deleting from power plant operating licenses a June 30, 1982 deadline for environmental qualification of electric equipment imposed by previous Commission Order. Public comments on the proposed rule were invited. After considering the public comments received, the Commission adopted a final rule effective November 19, 1984 (49 Federal Register 45571). Licensees of operating power plants will be expected to meet the schedule for environmental qualification set out in the new rule, specifically, 10 CFR Section 50.49(g). A copy of the final rule along with its Supplementary Information is enclosed.

The Commission's action calls for the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation to consider comments filed in response to the proposed rule alleging equipment qualification deficiencies at specific plants in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206. See Supplementary Information at pp. 17-18. Your comments dated May 23, 1984, are among those I will consider.

I will issue a formal decision pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 regarding the above referenced comments in the reasonably near future.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
H. R. Denton

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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