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Dear Mr. Parker:

SUBJECT: MONTICELLO - RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 92-01, "FAILURE OF THERMO-LAG 330 FIRE BARRIER SYSTEM" (TAC NO. M83898)

By letter dated July 24, 1992, you provided a response to NRC Bulletin 92-01 for Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. Your response stated that compensatory measures have been implemented consistent with the plant Technical Specifications or operating license. You also provided a description of the long term corrective action to ensure or restore operability.

Your response states that (1) Monticello uses a Thermo-Lag 330 fire barrier to protect approximately 35 feet of one-inch conduit and 35 feet of four-inch conduit located in one fire area, (2) the barrier protecting the one-inch conduit has been declared inoperable and an hourly fire watch has been implemented in accordance with the Technical Specifications, (3) should the detection system become inoperable, a continuous fire watch will be established, and (4) a design change has been initiated to replace the inoperable fire barrier system by March 31, 1993. You also made note of industry efforts underway to perform additional testing and establish a data base.

We have reviewed your response and find it acceptable. Please inform us when all corrective actions have been completed. Further NRC review, if any will be performed by inspection or audit.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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