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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-440/97004

Dear Mr. Myers:

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

Sincerely,

/s/ R. N. Gardner for

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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