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Gentlemen:

This letter acknowledges the granting of enforcement discretion on February 18, 1988. The enforcement discretion provides temporary relief from the operability requirements of Technical Specification (TS) requirement 3.6.3 for the one-half inch solenoid valves in the air supply lines to the containment personnel air lock seals.

In your letter to this office dated February 18, 1988, in which you requested this enforcement discretion, you described your proposed corrective actions as well as the compensatory measures you have implemented. We find these actions to be conservative from a safety standpoint and effective in ensuring containment integrity. We will review your implementation of these corrective actions and compensatory measures during further inspections.

We further understand from your February 18, 1988 letter that the design change which constitutes your final corrective action will be fully implemented prior to STP Unit 1 exceeding 5% power. The adequacy of this design change will be reviewed by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). Your proposed plan of action provides adequate control of these valves until the design change can be completed.

Enforcement discretion was granted after consultation with NRR. We understand from our discussions with NRR that the subject one-half inch solenoid valves are not usually considered containment isolation valves. Therefore, your technical approach to this issue is considered conservative.

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

Sincerely,

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