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Subject: Positions Regarding Remaining Open Items Concerning Appendix R Criteria for Post-Fire Safe Shutdown - Byron/Braidwood Stations,

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The two remaining concerns involve 1) the staff position regarding the need for source range neutron flux monitoring following a fire, and 2) the fire protection afforded redundant trains of safe shutdown instrumentation within the auxiliary electrical equipment room. As requested by the applicant, enclosed is a copy of the staff position regarding source range neutron flux monitoring. The enclosure consists of a staff memorandum dated March 18, 1983, which has been endorsed by the Director of the Division of Systems Integration. It should be noted that we require a source range neutron flux monitor be available independent of those areas identified by the applicant where the existing instrument would be lost due to a fire. Any new instrumentation need not be safety-related (Class 1E).

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We request that you expedite your response to the enclosure so that we may complete our review of the Appendix R safe shutdown capability for Byron/Braidwood. For further information or clarification, please contact the Braidwood Project Manager, Janice A. Stevens, (301)492-7144.

Sincerely.

Original signed by: B. J. Youngblood

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