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Gentlemen:

Subject: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-20/88-02

As noted in NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-20/88-02, no reply to that report was required. Accordingly, this letter is submitted as an item of information. Under Section 6 (Experiments) of the aforesaid report, a concern was raised that a proposed experiment be prototype tested to a pressure of at least 970 psi. Please be advised that the proposed experiment has now been prototype tested to a pressure of 1000 psi. Also, certain changes have now been made to the proposed experiment which significantly reduce the necessary hydrostatic test pressures. These are described in a safety evaluation report that is being forwarded under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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