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Dear Mr. Brons:

SUBJECT: RELIEF FROM AUGMENTED INSPECTION OF FEEDWATER
NOZZLE/SPARGER

Re: James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (TAC 67829)

We have reviewed your letter dated March 25, 1988 requesting that the augmented inspection frequency for the reactor vessel feedwater nozzle be reduced. Your letter proposed that an ultrasonic inspection be performed once every ten years instead of every other refueling outage as required by NUREG-0619. Based on the information you provided including previous inspection results, worker exposure information, and a fatigue analysis, we have concluded that, during the second inspection interval, the frequency for performing ultrasonic inspections may be modified to every third refueling outage.

Your March 25 letter also requested that of the frequency of visual and liquid penetrant inspections be modified. We have reviewed this request and do not find it acceptable. These inspections must be performed in accordance with NUREG-0619.

Our Safety Evaluation supporting the above conclusions is enclosed.

Sincerely,

original signed by

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Enclosure:
As stated

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