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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-313; 368/98-15

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a change in the characterization of an issue discussed in NRC Inspection Report 50-313; 368/98-15, dated September 2, 1998. The report identified an exercise weakness for failure to complete initial accountability within 30 minutes of the site area emergency declaration (50-313; 368/9815-01). During a September 22, 1998, conference call, your staff provided additional information concerning this issue. As a result, we have decided to refer the issue to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) for resolution. Accordingly, the issue will be tracked as an unresolved item, rather than an inspection followup item, pending completion of NRR's review.

On September 24, 1998, an extension to the response time for both exercise weaknesses was granted so that we could review the additional information concerning the accountability issue. Since characterization of that issue has changed, a response to 50-313; 368/9815-01 is not necessary at this time. We will be in contact with you later regarding the dispositioning of this matter.

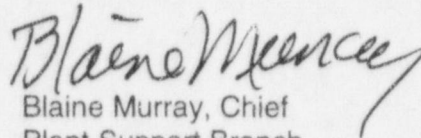
Please proceed with the response to the exercise weakness concerning the failure to implement proper radiological protection practices. We request a response within 14 days of the date of this letter.

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

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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