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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NRC BULLETIN 95-02, "UNEXPECTED CLOGGING OF A RESIDUAL HEAT REMOVAL (RHR) PUMP STRAINER WHILE OPERATING IN SUPPRESSION POOL COOLING MODE," FERMI 2 (TAC NO. M93893)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

By letters dated November 16, 1995, and November 15, 1996, Detroit Edison Company (DECo or the licensee) submitted its response to NRC Bulletin 95-02, "Unexpected Clogging of a Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Pump Strainer While Operating in Suppression Pool Cooling Mode," for Fermi 2. The enclosure provides the staff's evaluation of DECo's response.

NRC Bulletin 95-02 requested each licensee to review the operability of its emergency core cooling system and other pumps which draw suction from the suppression pool while performing their safety function. The staff requested that the licensee's evaluation be based on suppression pool cleanliness, suction strainer cleanliness, and the effectiveness of its foreign material exclusion practices. In addition, licensees were requested to implement appropriate procedural modifications and other actions (e.g., suppression pool cleaning) as necessary to minimize foreign material in the suppression pool, drywell, and containment. Licensees were also requested to verify their operability evaluation through appropriate testing and inspection. In its response to the bulletin, by letters dated November 16, 1995, and November 15, 1996, DECo agreed to comply with all of the requested actions. The staff has concluded that DECo's response is acceptable.

Sincerely,

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