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Subject: LICENSE RENEWAL STANDARD REVIEW PLAN WORKING DRAFT

Dear Mr. Walters:

An updated working draft of the Standard Review Plan for license renewal (SRP-LR) was placed in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Public Document Room by NRC memorandum, J.W. Roe to S.J. Collins, dated September 21, 1997. This working draft was revised to reflect (1) the final amended 10 CFR Part 54, (2) experience gained from the NRC staff's review of plant-specific and owners group reports, (3) experience gained from development of the draft license renewal regulatory guide (RG-LR) and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guideline, NEI 95-10, and (4) new guidance on selected technical topics. The staff plans to use the working draft SRP-LR as an aid in reviewing license renewal submittals received from licensees and owners groups. The working draft SRP-LR is intended to be a living document which the staff will revise as it gains experience from ongoing reviews.

The staff is not soliciting comments on the SRP-LR working draft at this time. Public comments will be officially requested in a Federal Register notice when the draft SRP-LR is issued. In the interim, the staff plans to focus on plant-specific and owners group reviews of actual plant structures and components to gain needed experience with implementation of the rule and the working draft of the SRP-LR. As discussed in SECY-97-118, the staff intends to gain additional experience before proceeding with formal approval of the SRP-LR and regulatory guide for license renewal. During the review of technical reports and initial renewal applications, the staff, licensees, owners groups, and other interested parties will identify technical and procedural issues resulting from the trial application of the working draft of the SRP-LR. The staff will develop revisions to the working draft in conjunction with the resolution of issues related to the staff's evaluation of the particular affected technical reports or renewal applications. At appropriate times, the staff will correspond with NEI and will arrange public meetings to address (1) the generic aspects of both technical and procedural issues and

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Sincerely,



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