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November 18, 1999

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SAFETY EVALUATION FOR ROD POSITION INDICATION  
(TAC NO. MA4678)

Dear Mr. Knubel:

Enclosed please find page 1 correcting the Safety Evaluation for Amendment No. 197 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-64. The original Safety Evaluation omitted a section dealing with misalignment of control rods when greater than 85% rated thermal power and bank rod position greater than 225 steps. The safety evaluation should have stated that, since sufficient peaking factor exists, operation in accordance with Figure 3.10-1 is acceptable under these conditions.

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1494. This completes the staff's effort on TAC No. MA4678.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Docket No. 50-286

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Dear Mr. Knubel:

Enclosed please find a revised page 1 of the Safety Evaluation for Amendment No. 197 to Facility Operating License No. DPR-64. The original Safety Evaluation did not mention the limits when operating greater than 85% rated thermal power with bank rod position greater than 225 steps. The safety evaluation should have stated that, since sufficient peaking factor exists, operation in accordance with Figure 3.10-1 is acceptable under these conditions.

If you have any questions, please call me at (301) 415-1494. This completes the staff's effort on TAC No. MA4678.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George F. Wunder".

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