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Draft Construction Inspection Program for Reactors Built
Under 10 CFR Part 52, Reopening of Comment Period
(68 Federal Register 55416 dated September 25, 2003)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Based on the August 27, 2003 workshop, there are fundamental issues associated with the CIP and inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria (ITAAC) verification process, as delineated in NEI's comments, that require further discussion. Because of the importance of these issues to the workability of the ITAAC process under Part 52, SNC looks forward to the opportunity to participate in future communications on this subject after the NRC has had a chance to consider all stakeholder comments.

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