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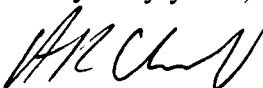
Gentlemen:

By letter dated November 3, 1997, H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), Unit No. 2, in response to Inspector Followup Item (IFI) 97-201-01, provided a schedule for the review of NRC Information Notice (IN) 91-38, "Thermal Stratification in Feedwater System Piping." The purpose of this letter to provide the status of that review.

A review of IN 91-38 was performed with the assistance of contractor support. The result of that effort concluded that feedwater thermal stratification is not a concern for normal startups and shutdowns nor for surveillance testing. The contractor review recommended an additional analysis be performed to determine the effects of feedwater thermal stratification during emergency plant trips. The additional analysis will be completed by July 30, 1998.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. H. K. Chernoff.

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