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SUBJECT: Supplements 800225 ltr re preliminary results of Zircaloy guide tube wear measurement. Subsequent analysis assures no safety concern re assembly integrity & control rod scram capability.

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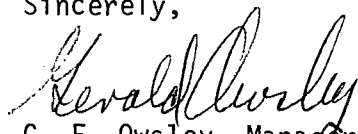
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Mr. W. P. Gammill, Acting Asst. Director
for Operating Reactors
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Dear Mr. Gammill:

My letter to you dated February 25 informed you of the preliminary result of zircaloy guide tube wear measurement at H. B. Robinson Unit 2 Plant. Subsequently, we have considered the measurement results, the extensive operational experience with control rod movement, and the potential safety concern. Based on these considerations, we and our affected customers believe that for Exxon Nuclear supplied fuel in Westinghouse PWRs there is adequate assurance of no significant safety concern with respect to assembly integrity and control rod scram capability. At the present time, therefore, there are no plans for surveillance of guide tubes in ENC-supplied fuel.

Sincerely,


G. F. Owsley, Manager
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CC: Mr. R. R. Riggs (USNRC)

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