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CONTROL ROOM HABITABILITY-APPROVAL OF MODIFIED SYSTEM
AND COMMITMENT TO ADDED SURVEILLANCE

Gentlemen:

During a September 7, 1990, conference call between Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) and NRC Staff, the Staff expressed concern about the possibility of a single failure of gravity dampers in our modified Control Room Habitability System. Specifically the concern was that upon a failure of the dampers to close, subsequent starting of a redundant fan would result in air flow bypassing either the filter (for fans HVE-19A&B) or the air handling unit (for fans HVA-1A&B).

To address this concern, CP&L commits to incorporate a procedural requirement to verify the position of the gravity dampers following completion of the fans monthly surveillance testing when the fans will normally be swapped. This measure will be in place prior to startup for Cycle 14, currently scheduled for December 15, 1990.

Further, in a conversation with the Project Manager on September 10, 1990, CP&L was informed that the NRC would not issue a Safety Evaluation Report for the upgraded Control Room Habitability until review of the associated Technical Specification is complete; however, verbal approval of the upgraded design was given. This letter serves to document that approval, and CP&L is proceeding with the modification.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Mr. R. W. Prunty at (919) 546-7318.

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