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DESCRIPTION

LTR RE OUR 2-27-76 LTR.....FURN CLARIFACATION
ON CERTAIN ITEMS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE.....
FURTHER ADVISING THAT THE CALCULATED LOAD
RATIONS ON THE TORUS SUPPORT COMPONENTS
WERE BELOW 1.0.....

ENCLOSURE

PLANT NAME: Nine Mile Pt #1.

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| | P. COLLINS | NOVAK | X BAER | BUNCH |
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March 5, 1976




Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attn: Mr. Benard C. Rusche, Director
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Re: Nine Mile Point Unit 1
Docket No. 50-220
DPR-63

Dear Mr. Rusche:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your February 27, 1976 communication and to provide clarification on certain items contained therein.

My February 27, 1976 letter to Mr. George Lear confirmed our commitment to implement a drywell pressure increase of one pound per square inch over the suppression chamber pressure at Nine Mile Point Unit 1 and we subsequently advised your staff on March 1 that this operating mode had indeed been achieved.

It should be noted that the calculated load ratios on the torus support components for Nine Mile Point Unit 1 were considerably below the 1.0 referenced in your letter, even before the drywell pressure increase. This new pressure adjustment should improve the safety margin at Nine Mile Point Unit 1 to at least a factor of two for the welds at the top of the torus support columns. Therefore, there are no plans for structural modifications to the containment system at this facility.

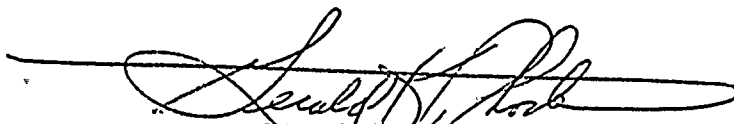
Mr. Benard C. Rusche
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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It is our understanding that your directive of February 27, 1976 was intended to be complementary to the current Technical Specifications for Nine Mile Point Unit 1. Specifically, Specifications 3.3.1.b and 4.3.6.a provide for short operational periods during containment inerting after a shutdown and for monthly vacuum relief valve operability tests, respectively, when maintenance of the differential pressure would not be possible: The Technical Specifications will continue to be followed in these cases.

Very truly yours,

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