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Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
PRIMARY CONTAINMENT INTEGRATED LEAK RATE (PCILRT),
PRE-OPERATIONAL TEST SCHEDULE

10CFR50, Appendix J - Primary Reactor Containment Leakage Testing for Water-Cooled Power Reactors, requires the PCILRT to be conducted "upon completion of construction" and "prior to any reactor operating period." Other than these statements, Appendix J does not specify the timing of the PCILRT with respect to other plant evolutions. The intent of 10CFR50, Appendix J, with respect to the condition of containment for the test, is expressed in Section III A.1(a) as "no repairs or adjustments shall be made so that containment can be tested in as close to the 'as is' condition as practical." To meet this intent, the Supply System intends to complete the PCILRT after fuel load prior to exceeding 1.0% rated thermal power and a reactor coolant temperature of 200°F. This will ensure that the containment is as close to the 'as is' condition as practical. It also allows the Supply System to conduct an orderly, phased pre-operational and startup testing program that fulfills the 10CFR50 Appendix J requirements and minimizes the impact of the test on the plant pre-operational and startup testing schedule.

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Accordingly, Technical Specification 3/4.10.1, Primary Containment Integrity, will be the limiting condition for operation during this phase of the pre-operational and startup testing program. The Supply System recognizes this position, with respect to the PCILRT, to be the same as that applicable in the LaSalle-Unit 1 operating license (NPF-11, Attachment 1, item 1.e).

Should you have any questions, please contact Roger M. Nelson, Manager, WNP-2 Licensing.

Very truly yours,

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