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SUBJECT: Notifies that extensive subcomponent radiation & thermal test being conducted to determine if subcomponent failure due to manufacturing defect or common mode, per Reg. Guide 1.97.

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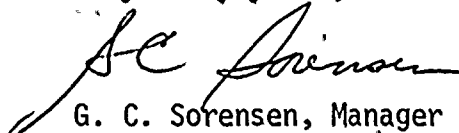
Dear Mr. Schwencer:

Subject: NUCLEAR PROJECT NO. 2
10CFR50.49(h) NOTIFICATION
REGULATORY GUIDE 1.97
WETWELL LEVEL MONITORS

The Supply System is conducting tests of the Wetwell Level Monitors. During the test program an electrical subcomponent in one of two wetwell level detector test samples failed. We are now conducting an extensive subcomponent radiation and thermal test to determine if the subcomponent's failure was due to manufacture defect or is common mode. This will increase our assurance that we understand the failure mechanism and may result in a design modification to the detector. We expect to restart the test early in 1985.

While this equipment is not required to be qualified until prior to startup following the first refueling outage (License Condition 16, Attachment 2, 3a), since it relates to equipment qualification we are promptly notifying you in the spirit of 10CFR50.49(h).

Very truly yours,


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