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Gentlemen:

**Subject: WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21 RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COMMITMENT REGARDING SUCTION STRAINERS**

- References:
- 1) Letter dated April 11, 1997, WH Bateman (NRC) to JV Parrish (SS), "Response To NRC Bulletin 96-03, 'Potential Plugging of Emergency Core Cooling Suction Strainers By Debris In Boiling Water Reactors' (TAC NO. M96175)"
  - 2) Letter dated October 16, 1996, JV Parrish (NRC) to NRC, "Request for Extension in Implementation of Emergency Core Cooling System Suction Strainer Modification Activities Associated with NRC Bulletin 96-03"

In Reference 1) the staff requested that the Supply System provide confirmation of commitments to:

- (1) Perform an inspection of the drywell to verify that insulation is not damaged and is properly installed and that any insulation that is damaged or is not properly installed is repaired or replaced. The inspection should be reasonably thorough but may be limited based on your knowledge of the present condition of the insulation and ALARA considerations.
- (2) Perform a thorough drywell and suppression pool closeout inspection to verify that all foreign material has been removed such as maintenance tools, equipment, construction materials, and miscellaneous debris. This inspection should include the downcomers.

The Supply System will complete the actions identified above by the completion of the Spring, 1997 maintenance and refueling outage. As a point of clarification to Item 1) above, and as committed to in Reference 2, damaged or improperly installed insulation will be "evaluated and repaired or replaced as necessary, prior to plant startup, to reduce the potential for generation of operational debris." The Supply System will install new passive strainers by the completion of the Spring, 1998 maintenance and refueling outage.



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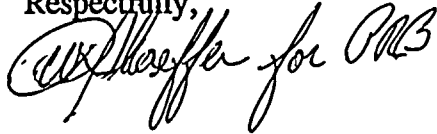
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Should you have any questions or desire additional information regarding this matter, please contact me or D.A. Swank at (509) 377-4563.

Respectfully,

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