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Gentlemen:

Subject: **WNP-2, OPERATING LICENSE NPF-21,
RESPONSE TO NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/96-22,
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- References:
- 1) Letter dated February 20, 1998, EW Merschoff (NRC) to JV Parrish (SS), "Notice of Violation and Exercise of Enforcement Discretion (NRC Inspection Report 50-397/96-22)"
 - 2) Letter GO2-98-012, dated January 20, 1998, PR Bemis (SS) to NRC, "WNP-2, Operating License NPF-21, Response to Apparent Violations in NRC Inspection Report 50-397/96-22"

The Staff requested in Reference 1 that the Supply System supplement our response (Reference 2) to the apparent violations in NRC Inspection Report 50-397/96-22 and provide:

"... a date at which [we] plan to complete [our] review of safety evaluations and associated activities to determine if interpretation of generic guidance has resulted in other instances of similar failures..."

Our review of safety evaluations and associated activities was completed on March 16, 1998. Over 900 summaries of safety evaluations written since 1984 were screened, with 101 safety evaluations receiving an in-depth review. One additional instance of apparent inappropriate use of generic guidance was identified. In this instance a 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluation apparently used generic guidance without providing sufficient basis that the guidance was applicable to WNP-2. The issue is only applicable to Operating Mode 5 operability requirements. This instance has been documented in Problem Evaluation Request (PER) 298-0156. Resolution of this PER will provide further evaluation and determination if the change was acceptable and if the safety evaluation needs to be revised.

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