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This is in regard to your letter of May 17, 1979 to Mr. W. J. Regan, Jr. of the NRC. In that letter you stated the NPDES Permit will constitute the Section 401(a)(1) certification for the NRC operating licenses for the Midland Nuclear Plant. I am advised that it is doubtful whether an NPDES Permit alone can satisfy the statutory requirements of Section 401. For this reason, I am requesting that Michigan issue a 401 certification now in order to expedite the NRC licensing process. This would be in addition to subsequently issuing the NPDES Permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact P. C. Hittle, Director of Environmental Activities for the Company.



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