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ATTENTION: Director

Gentlemen:

The following information is submitted in response to I&E Bulletin No. 79-24 dated September 27, 1979 concerning the possibility of frozen lines in safety related systems.

All safety related systems at Plant Hatch Units 1 and 2 have been reviewed to assure that safety-related process, instrument, and sample lines do not freeze during extremely cold weather. The review has shown that all safety related lines are within the confines of a building with the exception of a small portion near the condensate storage tank. The portion of the lines exposed is insulated and heat traced. Plant procedure HNP-1-6912, "Cold Weather Checks", require that thermostats for heat tracing are set for 35°F. We feel that performance of the aforementioned procedure provides adequate protection against freezing.

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

Very truly yours,

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