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Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director  
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Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

This is to confirm the telephone call to Mr. Paul Kellogg (NRC) at 1410 on June 11, 1981 by Mr. J. D. Woodard (APCo) in accordance with Unit 1 Technical Specification 3.7.11.1 and Unit 2 Technical Specification 3.7.11.1.

As a result of an inadvertent actuation of the fire protection deluge system on cooling tower 2B, the levels in Fire Protection Tanks A and B fell to approximately 235,000 gallons each at 1600 on 6/10/81. Unit 1 and 2 Technical Specifications require a minimum tank level of 250,000 gallons. The tank levels were returned to minimum acceptable Technical Specifications levels at 1845 on 6/10/81.

The inadvertent actuation resulted during maintenance activities. The switchgear which supplies power to the fire protection system air compressor was deenergized in order to perform a battery replacement. In order to prevent fire protection deluge system actuation with the air compressor inoperable, a temporary nitrogen bottle was connected to the deluge system sensing lines. However, the nitrogen bottle outlet valve for 2B cooling tower deluge system was not opened. As a result, the clapper valve opened and the deluge system actuated.

Further details will be provided in the followup report.

Sincerely yours,

*John D. Woodard*

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