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Mr. J.G. Keppler, Regional Administrator
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Operating License DPR-58 and DPR-74
Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316

Dear Mr. Keppler:

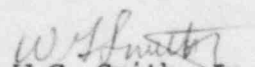
During a sample of the Unit 1 Volume Control Tank on February 11, 1983, a valving error occurred which contributed to 2 separate gaseous releases on that date.

Within one hour of each release, a red phone call was made to the NRC in accordance with 10CFR50.72. Further, at 1815 hours on February 11, 1983, notification of the event was made to a Mr. Paul Farron, NRC Region III, in accordance with Appendix B, Technical Specification 5.4.2.1.

The attached Licensee Event Report, RO 83-010/04T-0, contains the details of the event and our corrective and preventive actions.

Related to this occurrence, the initial release warranted the declaration of an Unusual Event under the Plant's Emergency Plan which was not recognized at the time. However, further review has indicated that our Emergency Plan activation limits for gaseous releases are more restrictive than necessary to comply with Technical Specification requirements. Our review is continuing in this area to determine those Emergency Plan changes necessary to provide clearer direction in the classification of events and to remove any unnecessary conservatism.

Sincerely,


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