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Region II
101 Marietta Street, N. W.
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Attention: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Unit 1
License No. NPF-13
Docket No. 50-416
File 0260/15525/15526
I. E. Report 416/82-53 -
Supplemental Response
AECM-83/019

References: 1. MAEC-82/240, 10/20/82
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information via this letter.

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provided in Reference 2 and you reiterated your interpretation during
our December 2 meeting. It is our opinion that this violation occurred
because of the wording of the requirements in Table 3.12.1-1. The term
"should" is widely used in the nuclear industry and particularly in
nuclear standards work to denote a recommendation rather than an
absolute requirement. Additionally, the term "e.g." is defined as "for
example". We believe that if NRC's intent was that the discharge basin
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We will take steps to request from NRR an amendment to this portion of
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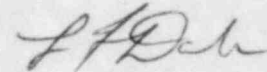
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MP&L has installed an automated sample gathering system which can gather hourly samples of the discharge basin. The system is expected to be tested and operational by February 1, 1983.

Yours truly,



for J. P. McGehee

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