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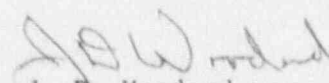
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Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant - Unit 1
Special Report No. 91-003, Fire Barrier Penetration
Open For More Than Seven Days

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the requirements of Technical Specification 3.7.12, the enclosed Special Report No. 91-003, Unit 1, is submitted.

Respectfully submitted,


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The containment equipment hatch was open for more than seven days during the Unit 1 tenth refueling outage. The hatch was opened to support outage activities. The seven-day time limit for the equipment hatch was exceeded on March 31, 1991. Since the containment wall is considered to be a fire barrier, opening this hatch constitutes breaching a fire barrier.

Technical Specification 3.7.12 requires that within one hour, either establish a continuous fire watch or verify the operability of fire detectors and establish an hourly fire watch patrol. Technical Specification action statement requirements are being met for the open equipment hatch. Technical Specification 3.7.12 also requires that breached fire barriers be restored to functional status within seven days or a Special Report must be submitted within the following 30 days. Therefore, this Special Report is being submitted.

Due to the scope of the work in progress, it was not practical to close this hatch within seven days. The containment equipment hatch will be closed on approximately April 20, 1991.