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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. Domenic B. Vassallo, Chief
Operating Reactors Branch No. 2
Division of Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

- Reference: 1) Letter from J. D. Weaver to B. Siegel
dated August 8, 1983, LQA8300185,
"Demonstration of Containment Purge and
Vent Valve Operability (B-24)"
- 2) Letter from J. M. Pilant to T. A. Ippolito
dated December 18, 1979, "Containment Purge
and Vent Valve Operability"

Dear Mr. Vassallo:

Subject: Operability of Purge Valves (B-24) Response
Cooper Nuclear Station
NRC Docket No. 50-298, DPR-46

As discussed in Reference 1, the District has received eight pages of questions relating to the operability of containment purge and vent valves at CNS. The response to these questions was discussed with the staff, and this letter is written to confirm the District's expected response date. Based upon a preliminary review of the questions by NPPD and Allis-Chalmers, analytical efforts have commenced which should produce results within approximately 90 days (by December 15, 1983). At that time the District will respond to the NRC's questions and provide an expedited schedule for any necessary valve modifications.

Although the preliminary review indicates that analysis alone will determine the necessary modifications, there is a possibility that testing of the valve configurations will be required. It is anticipated that the testing program would also take approximately 90 days. Even if testing is required, it is anticipated that the necessary modifications would still be completed at CNS during the next refueling outage (anticipated October 1984). As stated in Reference 2, the District will continue to operate purge valves at CNS in the passive mode as much as possible and

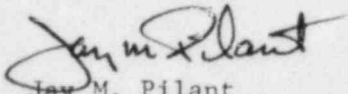
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to limit all purging and venting times to as low as achievable considering the necessary operation of the station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay M. Pilant".

Jay M. Pilant
Technical Staff Manager
Nuclear Power Group

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