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Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
Attention: Mr. B. J. Youngblood, Chief
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Youngblood:

reference: (1) Fermi-2
NRC Docket No. 50-341
(2) Letter, W. F. Colbert to D. G. Eisenhower,
dated June 4, 1981

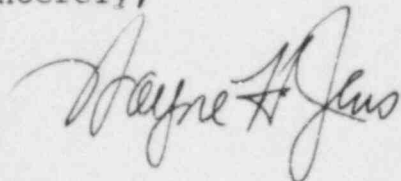
Subject: Conformance to NUREG-0619

The referenced letter discussed Edison's degree of conformance to NUREG-0619. The letter indicated Edison's intent to perform a preservice PT examination of the accessible blend radii area of the feedwater nozzles. Subsequently it has been determined that the accessibility of the nozzle blend radii is very limited because of the sparger and thermal sleeve assemblies. In addition, the surfaces are not in a suitable condition for liquid penetrant examination. Surface preparation could easily result in damage to the adjacent thermal sleeve and sparger assemblies. Work in this area also poses a risk of dropping objects into the vessel.

As indicated in the referenced letter, UT examinations of the blend radii area have been conducted as well as a Magnetic Particle examination by the vessel manufacturer. No recordable indications were found with either technique. In view of this Edison believes the PT examination with its limited coverage and accompanying risk of damage is unnecessary and will not be conducted. Both General Electric and Southwest Research Institute concur with Edison's position.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Mr. O. Keener Earle (313) 586-4211.

Sincerely,



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