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Mr. James G. Keppler
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Office of Inspection and Enforcement
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

RE: Perry Nuclear Power Plant
Docket Nos. 50-440; 50-441
Possible Malfunctions of
Ruskin Supplied Fire Dampers
[RDC 125(85)]

Dear Mr. Keppler:

This letter serves as an interim report pursuant to 10CFR50.55(e) on potential significant deficiency associated with Ruskin supplied fire damper closure under normal air flow. Mr. J. McCormick-Barger of your office was first notified on January 29, 1985, by Mr. R. G. Solt of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI). Our first interim report was dated February 27, 1985. The problem is being evaluated per Deviation Analysis Report 221.

Description of Deficiency

In mid-January 1985, CEI was advised by its contractor, Robert Irsay Co., of a 10CFR21 report filed by their supplier Ruskin Manufacturing Co. concerning possible closure problems of some fire dampers supplied for use at Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP). The 10CFR21 report states that the dampers may not close under normal air flow.

Completion of Evaluation

To date, Ruskin has supplied CEI with generic test reports which show the capabilities of damper closure against air flow. CEI, in turn, has completed an engineering evaluation of the installed configurations versus the configuration tested by Ruskin for the Model No. IBD-23 dampers located in Unit 1 and Common facilities. This engineering evaluation has outlined the modifications necessary to conform to Ruskin's reports. To establish disposition and a modification schedule, the latest Fire Protection

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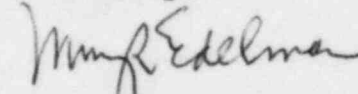
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Evaluation Report is being used to evaluate which dampers are necessary to meet CEI commitments to the USNRC regarding fire protection.

Another report, either interim or final, will be provided when additional information becomes available. Please call if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



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