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October 3, 1996

SUBJECT: OYSTER CREEK NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION REQUEST FOR RELIEF R15
ADDRESSING LEAKING BOLTED FLANGES (TAC NO. M96399)

Dear Mr. Roche:

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This concludes the staff effort related to TAC. No. M96399. Questions regarding this letter should be addressed to Ronald B. Eaton, Project Manager, on (301) 415-3041.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

John F. Stolz, Project Director
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