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Dear Mr. Cahill:

Subject: Request for Additional Information - Emergency Procedures for
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Please inform NRC Project Manager, Stephen Stern, of your schedule to provide this information and for clarification or further discussion on this topic.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Walter R. Butler, Chief
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Enclosure

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide your commitment to furnish the following information or or before August 1, 1986:

- (1) Additional flow paths for emergency venting including justification for vent path valve operability (capability to open and reclose) and the survivability of the 3-inch vent path.
- (2) The effects of containment venting on ductwork failure (if used as a pathway), and the resulting consequences of subjecting equipment near the failed duct to the steam/radiation environment.
- (3) The technical bases that support the criteria used by the Emergency Director to vent containment (e.g., status of plant including anticipated rate of pressurization, existing meteorology, containment radioactivity, etc.). Since the identification of an Emergency Director is not in the approved BWR Owners Group EPGs, the staff considers actions based on these parameters as potential deviations from the generic EPGs and, as such, require justification.