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The staff has reviewed your submittal and grants the relief requested pursuant to 10 CFR 50.55a(f)(6)(i), in that the Code requirements are impractical for your facility. In granting their relief, the staff considered the burden on the licensee if the Code requirements were imposed and determined that the relief granted and alternative imposed are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest.

Further details of the staff's evaluation and conclusions are contained in the enclosed safety evaluation.

Sincerely,

/s/

John F. Stolz, Director  
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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