

June 3, 1997

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Don Schopfer, Verification Team Manager
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Dear Mr. Schopfer:

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The staff has selected the first group of systems to be reviewed by Sargent & Lundy. The following systems are to be reviewed in accordance with the audit plan for the ICAVP.

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Following your initial review of the system documentation, we request that you develop your recommendations for the system boundaries definitions. We also request that you be prepared to present these system boundaries at a public meeting during the week of June 16, 1997, at the Millstone site. We will request Northeast Utilities attend the meeting in order to provide an update on the status of the CMP for the interfacing support systems.

If there are further questions on the systems selection or the proposed meeting, please contact me at (301) 415-1490.

Sincerely,

Eugene Imbro, Deputy Director
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