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June 25, 1997

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RELIEF REQUEST FROM
IMPLEMENTATION OF 10 CFR 50.55a RELATED TO CONTAINMENT REPAIR/
REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS - JAMES A. FITZPATRICK NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT (TAC NO. M98061)

Dear Mr. Knubel:

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The NRC staff's review of the subject relief request indicates that we need additional information to complete the review. Please provide a summary of existing procedures used for the containment repair and replacement activities, and extent of their compliance with the requirements of Appendix B of 10 CFR Part 50, "Quality Assurance Criteria."

Sincerely,

/s/

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