

March 25, 1997

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MARCH 5, 1997, LETTER FROM DAVID J. MODEEN, NEI, TO  
GARY M. HOLAHAN, NRC, REQUESTING EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR  
DRAFT GENERIC LETTER TITLED "ASSURANCE OF SUFFICIENT NET POSITIVE  
SUCTION HEAD FOR EMERGENCY CORE COOLING AND CONTAINMENT HEAT REMOVAL  
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Dear Mr. Modeen:

Your letter of March 5, 1997, requested an extension of the comment period  
expiration date from March 24, 1997, to April 23, 1997, for the subject draft  
generic letter. We have considered your request and have determined that an  
extension of the comment period expiration date is not warranted. Therefore,  
we have decided not to extend the expiration date.

However, as stated in the Federal Register Notice in which the draft generic  
letter has been published for comment (62 FR 7806), comments submitted after  
the expiration date will be considered if it is practical to do so, although  
assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or  
before the expiration date.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jack Dawson at  
(301) 415-3138.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Gary M. Holahan, Director  
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis  
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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