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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attn: Document Control Desk Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Subject: ASME Code Inspection Services at Nuclear Operating Plants and Manufacturers of Nuclear Components Performed by Factory Mutual Insurance Company

On June 28, 1999, we advised of the merger of Arkwright, Allendale and Protection Mutual Insurance Companies with Factory Mutual to form Factory Mutual Insurance Company. On November 8, 1999, we updated you on the status of our request to the ASME to revise the existing Certificates of Accreditation to a single Certificate of Accreditation issued in the name of Factory Mutual Insurance Company.

The ASME has reviewed and approved our revised QA Program and on December 29, 1999, they forwarded the revised Certificate of Accreditation of Authorized Inspection Agency. The certificate number is AIA-005.

We have started training activities to the new QA Manual and we will be making further notification to our customers on contract transition.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Rudnickas

Vice President and Manager

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cc: Special Inspection Branch

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