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Comments on the Revised Criteria for Post Accident Sampling Systems
(64 Fed. Reg. 66213, November 24, 1999)

This letter provides the North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) response to the request for comment on the Revised Criteria for Post Accident Sampling Systems published in the Federal Register on November 24, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 66213).

North Atlantic has reviewed the comments submitted separately by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear energy industry and endorses those comments. North Atlantic also supports the actions taken by both the Westinghouse Owners Group and the Combustion Engineering Owners Group for the elimination of the current requirements for the Post Accident Sampling System (PASS).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important initiative. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact contact Mr. James M. Peschel, Manager - Regulatory Programs, at (603) 773-7194.

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