Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368

Entergy Operations, Inc. ATTN: Mr. Neil S. Carns Vice President, Operations Arkansas Nuclear One Post Office Box 551 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

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Based on the staff's evaluation of the ANO submittals and the subsequent site audit, the staff has concluded that the licensee's fire penetration seal program is adequate, as documented in the enclosed Safety Evaluation (SE).

The SE also documents your commitment to complete the 100% review of all Technical Specification fire penetration seals by December 31, 1991. This completes our review of the TAC Numbers listed above.

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