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Dear Mr. Barton:

This letter is in response to your letter (4400-82-L-0009) of January 20, 1982, regarding the updating of recovery system descriptions (SD's) and technical evaluation reports (TER's). In your letter you request that the frequency for updating SD's and TER's be extended from 6 months to 1 year, noting that the frequency for required (i.e., by 10 CFR 50.71) updating of Final Safety Analysis Reports (FSAR's) by other licensees is 1 year.

We note that your TER's and SD's are your method for documenting changes to the facility and providing associated safety evaluations and constitute an acceptable alternative to updating the FSAR. We agree that updating the SD's and TER's at a 1 year frequency is a more reasonable time period and would be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71. We further note that we maintain a staff, both onsite and in headquarters, who keep abreast of facility changes and review the associated engineering and safety documentation (engineering change memos and safety evaluations required by 10 CFR 50.59), as necessary.

For the above reasons, we approve your request to submit updated SD's and TER's at a 1 year frequency.

Sincerely,

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