

March 31, 1997

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**SUBJECT: NRC MAINTENANCE RULE TEAM INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-443/97-80
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

This refers to the team inspection conducted on January 27-31, 1997 at the Seabrook Station. The purpose of the inspection was to review the implementation of Seabrook's maintenance rule program under 10 CFR 50.65. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

Your maintenance rule program had a number of strengths. The effective use of PRA and the active participation of the PRA group enabled a strong program. Your program for safety assessments when taking equipment out of service for maintenance was strong. Also, the program to use industry operating experience was strong.

Your program met the requirements of the maintenance rule; however, we identified two violations. One violation involved the failure to establish adequate performance criteria commensurate with safety for a number of system functions. The second violation involved the failure to include three system functions in the scope of the maintenance rule program. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation when preparing your response. In your response to the scoping violation, please address the unresolved item on seven system functions with uncertain boundaries and scoping bases. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

*Original Signed By
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James T. Wiggins, Director
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Docket No. 50-443

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1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report No. 50-443/97-80

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