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**SUBJECT: NRC DAVIS-BESSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE
INSPECTION REPORT 50-346/99006(DRS)**

Dear Mr. Campbell:

On December 9, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection of an emergency preparedness exercise at your Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the performance of your emergency response organization during the exercise. No violations or exercise weaknesses were identified during the inspection. The enclosed report presents the results of the inspection.

Areas examined during the emergency preparedness exercise are identified in the report. Within those areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observation of performance, and interviews with staff. The objective of the inspection was to determine whether the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station Emergency Plan was adequate and if station personnel properly implemented the Emergency Plan in accordance with NRC requirements during the exercise.

Overall exercise performance during the 1999 exercise was effective. Staff performance in the various evaluated emergency response facilities demonstrated that your emergency plan could be properly implemented. Emergency communications, command and control, status board maintenance, briefings, and emergency response team dispatch were performed well by the emergency response organization. Facility staff's critique findings were thorough and consistent with the NRC evaluation team's findings.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



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