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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-315/99034(DRS); 50-316/99034(DRS)

Dear Mr. Powers:

This refers to a special inspection conducted on December 13 through 28, 1999, at the D. C. Cook Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. This inspection addressed three Case Specific Checklist Items that were established through the NRC's Manual Chapter 0350, "Staff Guidelines for Restart Approval". The Case Specific Checklist Items reviewed included Item No. 14B, "Contractor Control Program Ready for Restart", Item No. 14C, "Preventive Maintenance Program Ready for Restart", and Item No. 14F, "Operability Determination Program Ready for Restart". During this inspection, we evaluated the three programs, reviewed your root cause analyses and corrective actions associated with the programs, and held interviews with program owners and other members of your staff. The enclosed report documents the results of the inspection.

Overall, our inspection results concluded that your contractor control, preventive maintenance, and operability determination programs were adequate to support restart of the plant. As such, Manual Chapter 0350 Case Specific Checklist Items No. 14B, No. 14C, and No. 14F will be closed. Although the programs were considered acceptable for restart, there were areas where continued attention was warranted as described in the enclosed Inspection Report.

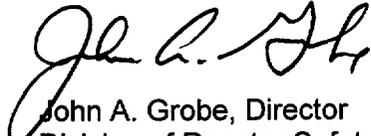
Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. The first violation involved corrosion on one of the safety-related batteries that was not promptly corrected or properly dispositioned. In this case, licensed operators did not demonstrate strict compliance with the Technical Specifications when evaluating this condition. The second violation involved events that were reportable to the NRC but were not submitted or scheduled to be submitted within the required 30 days.

These violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC'S "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter, if you choose to provide one, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,


John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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