

June 27, 2000

The Honorable Daniel Donatella
Chairman, Beaver County Commission
Court House
Beaver, PA 15009

SUBJECT: PUBLIC MEETING - NEW REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR THE
BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION

Dear Mr. Donatella:

I am writing to invite you and other members of your organization to participate in a public meeting designed to explain the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) new Reactor Oversight Process to members of the local community. The NRC staff recently revised its oversight process and how it inspects nuclear power plant safety performance. The new process is more objective, timely, and focuses on the areas of greatest risk and safety significance at nuclear power plants such as the Beaver Valley Power Station which is in your local area. We tested this new process at 13 plants during a six-month period in 1999. As a result of our testing we made improvements in the process. Initial implementation of the new process began nationwide at more than 100 commercial nuclear power plants in April 2000.

We will hold our meeting between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2000, at the Beaver County Court House located at 810 Third Street in Beaver, Pennsylvania. At this meeting we will give you a complete description of the new process and describe how the process is being used at the Beaver Valley Power Station. You will have an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions pertinent to the new process.

In the meantime, if you would like information about our Reactor Oversight Process you can use our Internet site address at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT>. I hope you and other members of your organization can attend the meeting. If you know of others outside of your organization who would be interested in participating in this meeting, I would appreciate your letting them know about the session.

If you have any questions please contact me at 610-337-5146. My e-mail address is JFR@NRC.GOV.

Sincerely,

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