

February 14, 2001

Mr. Harold W. Keiser
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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - SALEM UNIT 1

Dear Mr. Keiser:

Our review of Salem Unit 1 fourth quarter 2000 performance identified that the White threshold was crossed for the unplanned reactor scram performance indicator (PI). Therefore, we plan to perform a supplemental inspection to better understand the causes contributing to this decline in performance.

We request that you review your ongoing efforts to evaluate and correct the performance deficiencies that caused this PI to turn White. We plan to perform this supplemental inspection in conjunction with the site-wide problem identification and resolution (P&IR) team inspection during the weeks of March 12th and 19th. Our discussions with your licensing manager indicate that those weeks are an appropriate time to perform this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available to the public. If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 337-5211.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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