

May 21, 2001

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Dear Mr. Cohen:

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Recently, during a phone call with you on April 30, 2001, members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) staff discussed our offer for a meeting in greater detail. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) offered to hold a public meeting to discuss the NRC inspection of the licensee's inservice inspection (ISI) program related to steam generators. The meeting will be held at a mutually agreed upon date and time. Members of the NRR staff will contact you shortly to make the necessary arrangements for this meeting.

Your letter discussed several issues you have raised in previous correspondence to the NRC. The staff has carefully reviewed these letters and determined that your March 21, 2001, letter did not identify any new information. Thus, I believe that my February 23, 2001, letter to you provided a complete response to the issues you raised. However, I want to take this opportunity to again emphasize that the NRC has free and unfettered access to any and all information necessary to conduct our regulatory oversight duties. During our recent inspection of the licensee's ISI program, we did look at samples of detailed eddy current data and other information kept at the site. While NRC inspectors have access to all information, we did not retain the specific and detailed information that we understand you want related to the licensee's inspection of its steam generators. We do not believe that retaining this information is necessary in the conduct of our regulatory oversight duties. As we discussed in the phone call with you, we recommend you contact the licensee directly to request the information.

I trust that our offer for a public meeting adequately addresses your request. If you have any additional questions or need further information concerning the Salem Nuclear Generating Station (Salem) and our offer for a public meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Fretz at 301-415-1324. Mr. Fretz is the Salem Licensing Project Manager and will be serving as NRR's point of contact for the meeting.

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