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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Attn: Mr. Wayne D. Lanning, Division of Reactor Safety  
475 Allendale Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Subject: Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3  
Preliminary Finding of Low to Moderate Safety Significance

Reference: Letter dated August 3, 2001, from Wayne D. Lanning (USNRC) to Oliver D. Kingsley (Exelon)

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have reviewed Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 & 3 NRC Inspection Report 05000277/2001-011, 05000278/2001-011, in particular the information regarding the several occasions when the public address (PA) and evacuation alarm system was not maintained or did not function properly in accordance with Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station's Emergency Plan and Implementing Procedures. It is our understanding that the NRC has evaluated this finding to be of low to moderate safety significance (White).

Based on the information obtained from our investigation we are not in disagreement with the NRC's safety significance evaluation of this issue nor do we request a regulatory conference to further discuss this issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Michael P. Gallagher  
Director - Licensing

cc: H. J. Miller, Administrator, Region I, USNRC  
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