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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION

On August 22, 2001, the NRC staff forwarded a letter concerning the final significance determination of a white inspection finding in the Emergency Preparedness cornerstone. The finding is associated with the degradation of the plant's public address/evacuation alarm system. This system was degraded from 1992 to 2000 and, once repaired, it continued to experience breaker problems, impacting the system's ability to meet its emergency planning function. With assessment inputs resulting in no more than one white input in any cornerstone and no more than two white inputs in different cornerstones, Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station is in the Regulatory Response Column of the NRC's Action Matrix. We conducted supplemental inspection procedure 95001 during October 2001 to better understand the causes contributing to this issue.

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Please contact Mohamed Shanbaky of my staff at 610-337-5209 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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