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Dear Mr. Shriver:

The NRC Office of Investigations (OI), Region I Field Office, initiated an investigation (Case No. 1-2002-034) to determine if a senior reactor operator at Susquehanna failed to comply with procedures and provided false information to licensee investigators in February 2001 concerning a fuel handling event. Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that the SRO deliberately failed to comply with procedures nor did the SRO provide false information to licensee investigators. A copy of the synopsis of OI Report 1-2002-034 is enclosed for your information.

Please note that final NRC documents, such as the OI report described above, may be made available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) subject to redaction of information appropriate under the FOIA. Requests under the FOIA should be made in accordance with 10 CFR 9.23, Requests for Records, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

Also, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response, if any, will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Shanbaky of my staff at (610) 337-5209.

Sincerely,

/RA/

A. Randolph Blough, Director
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This investigation was initiated by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Investigations (OI), Region I, on September 13, 2002, to determine if a senior reactor operator at Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Berwick, PA, failed to comply with procedures and provided false information to licensee investigators in February 2001.

Based on the evidence developed during this investigation, OI did not substantiate that the senior reactor operator deliberately failed to comply with procedures nor did he/she provide false information to licensee investigators in February 2001.