October 20, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/97-09, 50-364/97-09 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Morey:

A NRC inspection was conducted September 8 - 12, 1997, at your Farley facility. This was an inspection of your implementation of the requirements of 10 CFR 50.65, "Requirements for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants" [the Maintenance Rule]. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Your program for implementing the requirements of the Maintenance Rule followed the guidance provided in NUMARC 93-01, "Industry Guideline for Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 2, dated April 1996, which was endorsed in Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Monitoring the Effectiveness of Maintenance at Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 2, dated March 1997.

The inspection concluded that your program was comprehensive and was being effectively implemented. However, one violation was identified relative to failure to establish and implement availability performance measures for several Maintenance Rule systems, in order to control the systems' performance effectively through appropriate preventive maintenance.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. : 50-348 and 50-364
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2. NRC Inspection Report
50-348,364/97-09
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