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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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June 18, 2009

Mr. James A. Spina, Vice President
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc.
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway
Lusby, MD 20657-4702

**SUBJECT: CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, INC.'S STATUS OF
DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE FOR CALVERT CLIFFS
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, UNIT NO. 1 (TAC NO. ME0499)**

Dear Mr. Spina:

On March 26, 2009, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Inc.'s (CCNPP) biennial decommissioning funding report (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession Nos. ML090850399 and ML090850400) for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (CCNPP Unit 1).

Based on our internal review, the NRC staff believes that there is a decommissioning funding assurance shortfall for CCNPP Unit 1. Although a shortfall in decommissioning funding assurance does not affect safe operations, adequate decommissioning funding assurance is important to ensure a plant will eventually be decommissioned safely.

The NRC staff will conduct a telephone conference with CCNPP within ten working days of the date of this letter to discuss the staff's calculations and methodology. The intent of the call will be to establish a mutual understanding and framework such that you will be able to develop a plan to resolve any decommissioning funding assurance shortfall.

If CCNPP is determined to have a shortfall, it will need to submit a plan by a date to be established at the close of the telephone conference. The plan would describe how and when the licensee intends to make adjustments to its trust fund balances and/or make other adjustments or changes with respect to financial assurance mechanisms, such that it will meet the minimum amount of financial assurance consistent with NRC's regulations.

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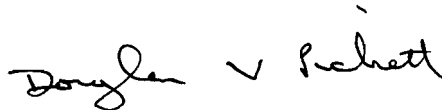
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Sincerely,

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Douglas V. Pickett, Senior Project Manager
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