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Gentlemen:

Subject: Performance Appraisal Inspection 50-305/81-27

This refers to the Performance Appraisal Inspection conducted by Mr. D. G. Hinckley and members of the Performance Appraisal Section, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, on December 7-18, 1981, and January 5-8, 1982, of activities authorized by NRC Operating License DPR-43 at the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant and your corporate office. This also refers to the observations discussed with you and other members of your staff on December 18, 1981, and at the conclusion of the inspection on January 8, 1982.

This inspection is one of a series of performance appraisal inspections being conducted by the Office of Inspection and Enforcement. The results of these inspections are used to evaluate, from a national perspective, the performance of your management controls in support of nuclear safety.

The enclosed report 50-305/81-27 identifies the areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a comprehensive examination of your management controls over licensed activities, including an examination of procedures and records, observations of work activities, and interviews with management and other personnel.

Where the enclosed report includes observations which may result in enforcement actions, these matters will be followed by the IE Regional Office. The enclosed appraisal report also addresses other observations and the conclusions made by the team for this inspection. Section I of the report provides further information regarding the observations, describes the Performance Categories identified in the conclusion section of each area, and explains how these Performance Categories will be utilized. Appendix A to this letter is an Executive Summary of the conclusions drawn for the eight functional areas inspected.

The Performance Categories for the areas of Quality Assurance Audits, Corrective Action Systems, Licensed Training, and Non-Licensed Training were identified as Category Three. The Plant Operations area was identified as Category One, and the remaining areas were identified as Category Two.

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As a result of the significant weaknesses identified in the four areas considered Category Three, you are requested to inform this office within 30 days of receipt of this letter of the actions you have taken or plan to take to improve the management controls in these areas. Your response to this office concerning the areas identified as Category Three will be followed by the NRC Regional Office.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure(s) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein with thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 2.790(b)(1).

The responses directed by this letter are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

James M. Taylor
Director
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Office of Inspection and Enforcement

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Executive Summary
2. IE Management Appraisal Report
No. 50-305/81-27

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