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SUBJECT: WATERFORD STEAM ELECTRIC STATION, UNIT 3 - NRC SECURITY
INSPECTION REPORT 05000382/2011402

Dear Mr. Kowalewski:

On June 23, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on June 23, 2011, with you and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one NRC identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the physical protection significance determination process). This deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. However, because of the very low security significance, and because this violation was entered into your corrective action program, the NRC is treating the violation as a noncited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy.

If you contest this NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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Additionally, the NRC identified finding had a crosscutting aspect in the area of human performance associated with work planning [H.3.(a)]. If you disagree with the crosscutting aspect assigned to the finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3.

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Sincerely,

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