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December 8, 2011

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**SUBJECT: PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER STATION - NRC SECURITY INSPECTION
REPORT 05000293/2011405**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On November 3, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. 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 November 3, 2011, with Mr. John Dreyfuss, General Plant Manager Operations, 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 finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Baseline Security Significance Determination Process). This finding was determined to involve a violation of NRC requirements. The 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. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of problem identification and resolution because the licensee failed to systematically collect, evaluate, and communicate operational experience to internal stakeholders [P.2(a)].

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Sincerely,



James M. Trapp, Chief
Plant Support Branch 1
Division of Reactor Safety

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