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The NRC recognizes the superior level of performance demonstrated by the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Management involvement was evident in all phases of plant activities. The dedication, knowledge, and commitment displayed by your staff fully supported all aspects of plant operation. We commend you and your staff for again achieving this consistently superior level of safety performance. Your achievement is a positive example to the industry.

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