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SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-220/96-09 AND 50-410/96-09

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter refers to the NRC's safety issues program inspection of your Access Authorization Program conducted by Messrs. G. C. Smith and R. J. Albert of this office at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear station on July 8-12, 1996. Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the enclosed report. The inspection consisted of interviews and examination of selected procedures and representative records. Our findings were discussed with Mr. H. Christensen and other members of your staff by Mr. Smith at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspectors determined that you had an effective program in place that provided high assurance that individuals granted unescorted access were trustworthy and reliable, and did not constitute an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of the public, including a potential to commit radiological sabotage. However, an unresolved item was identified relative to continual behavioral observation for individuals with unescorted access who are away from the station for more than 30 days. We are pursuing that item with our headquarters staff.

No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were identified. No response to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Keimig, Chief  
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