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SUBJECT: Forwards insp repts 50-387/99-06 & 50-388/99-06 on 990608-0719. One violation noted & treated as Non-Cited Violation involved failure to make notifications to NRC within required time.

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-387/99-06 and 50-388/99-06

Dear Mr. Byram:

On July 19, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES) Unit 1& 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report documents the results of the inspection of routine activities by the resident inspectors and an announced inspection of your security program by Region I security specialists. The inspectors discussed the findings of these inspections with Mr. R. Saunders, Vice President Nuclear Operations, and others of your staff, at an exit meeting at the completion of the inspection period.

During this period, we observed that your staff safely operated the facility during normal operations, unplanned power reductions, and two automatic reactor shutdowns. In addition, we reviewed several areas in your security program and found them acceptable.

We noted that equipment failures caused the unplanned power reductions and the two automatic reactor shutdowns during this period. These failures resulted, in part, from deficiencies in past maintenance practices or narrowly focused corrective actions for previous problems. We understand that your staff has recently formed an equipment reliability review team to recommend changes to improve equipment performance.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one Severity Level IV violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is being treated as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. This NCV is described in the subject inspection report and involved a failure to make notifications to the NRC within the required time. We noted that this violation occurred, in part, because of performance errors by members of your staff. If you contest the violation or severity level of 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, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001; with a copies to the Regional Administrator, Region I; the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station.

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Sincerely,

**Original Signed By:**

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