

October 12, 1995

Mr. Robert G. Byram
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Allentown, Pennsylvania 18101

SUBJECT: NRC COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-387/95-20; 50-388/95-20

Dear Mr. Byram:

The enclosed report documents a resident inspection conducted by Ms. M. Banerjee, Mr. B. J. McDermott, from August 6, 1995 through September 18, 1995, at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES), Salem Township, Pennsylvania. Areas relevant to the health and safety of the public examined during the inspection are described in the enclosed report. At the conclusion of the inspection, the inspectors summarized their preliminary findings with Mr. G. J. Kuczynski and other members of your staff.

The actions taken by your staff in response to the dropped new fuel bundle, including development of a detailed recovery plan, safety evaluation, and root cause assessment, demonstrated a strong safety perspective and an effective organizational response to the event. We noted that appropriate consideration was given to deferral of the planned electrical bus maintenance to avoid the potential for complicating the fuel bundle recovery. Very good management oversight was observed throughout this evolution.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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