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December 19, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-244/97-11

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

This letter transmits the results of safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant from October 14 through November 16, 1997. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. J. Widay and others of your staff.

For most of the five week period covered by this inspection, the Ginna plant was shutdown for the 1997 refueling outage. Overall, the activities observed by our inspectors during the outage were effective in safely accomplishing the goals of the outage. However, we noted several examples of plant configuration control and outage work control weaknesses that complicated outage maintenance. Although no significant safety consequences were associated with these issues; it appears that management attention is warranted in this area.

We noted effective inservice inspection activities for the steam generators and plant piping. Your discovery of significant cracking in the main steam piping reflected improved inspection methods. An expansion of the normal inservice inspection activities was warranted and comprehensive given the extent of the cracking found, and provided assurance that all defects were located and properly repaired prior to plant operation.

Occupational radiological exposure controls were effective during the outage. However, we noted several ongoing examples where contamination boundary controls were not fully effective and continue to challenge radiological workers and health physics technicians in the plant.

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 (PDR).

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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