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March 23, 1999

Dr. Robert C. Mecredy  
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-244/99-01

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

This letter transmits the results of safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant from January 11 through February 21, 1999. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. J. Widay and others of your staff.

During the six weeks covered by this inspection, we noted safe plant operations. We also noted good initiatives for reducing the backlog of corrective maintenance items and the number of temporary plant modifications.

The NRC reviewed several past operational events and a recent event involving an unexpected reactor coolant system dilution. For these events, the NRC determined that event investigations were untimely and not able to identify the specific root causes for poor coordination and communication between the operations department and other plant departments.

The NRC is concerned with the quality and timeliness of your investigations for these events and we have expressed these concerns to your staff. We have noted that you have initiated corrective actions to address these matters and will continue to monitor your actions in future inspections. We also considered these deficiencies to have been more than minor. However, we have chosen not to cite these violation(s) because we are treating this matter in accordance with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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