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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-244/99-04

Dear Dr. Mecredy:

This letter transmits the results of safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant from May 17 through June 27, 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 generally good overall performance. However, we are concerned by a series of unplanned radiation exposure events that resulted from deficiencies in the implementation and oversight of radiological controls. These events were properly addressed within the corrective action program when brought to the attention of plant management, but the corrective actions following the individual events were not effective. In addition, the overall series of events represented an indifference to proper radiological controls and precautions on the part of the individual radiation workers, radiation protection technicians, and direct supervision involved.

Based on the results of our review of these unplanned radiation exposure events, the NRC has determined that a 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. The NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or the severity level of the 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, D.C. 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region 1, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, and the NRC Resident Inspector at Ginna Station.

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Sincerely,

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