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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/96-26 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Parrish:

An NRC inspection was conducted December 8, 1996, through January 18, 1997, at your Washington Nuclear Project-2 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Washington Nuclear Project-2 facility was generally characterized by professional, safety-conscious operations. We found encouraging the prompt response demonstrated by your Operations personnel during a reactor recirculation adjustable speed drive system failure.

One violation of NRC requirements was identified during this inspection. An out-of-calibration total core flow instrument was inappropriately utilized for Technical Specification Surveillances. This issue is noteworthy because our review revealed that several of your barriers failed to identify the problem.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding this violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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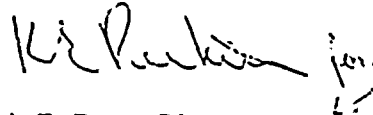
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



J. E. Dyer, Director
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-397/96-26

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