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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-397/98-03 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Parrish:

From February 1 to March 14, 1998, a routine resident inspection was conducted at your Washington Nuclear Project-2 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the inspection period, the conduct of licensed activities at your WNP-2 facility was characterized by generally safety-conscious operations and maintenance, with appropriate support from plant engineering. However, four violations and one noncited violation of NRC requirements were identified, indicating performance lapses in operations, engineering, and fire protection. The first two violations involved an organizational knowledge deficiency on the use and applicability of the grace period allowed for Technical Specification surveillance testing. The third violation involved your program to monitor primary coolant sources outside containment. The fourth violation involved inadequate control of transient combustibles and indicates that actions taken in response to a recent similar violation were ineffective.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reasons for Violations A and B, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violations and prevent recurrence are already adequately addressed on the docket in the enclosed report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter concerning those two violations unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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 to Violations C and D. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.


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

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

Sincerely,


H. J. Wong, Chief
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1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-397/98-03

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