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SUBJECT: Forwards insp repts 50-315/99-13 & 50-316/99-13 on
990517-0611. One violation noted & being treated as non-cited
violation, consistent with App C of enforcement policy.
Violation re failure to perform required maint on equipment.

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July 12, 1999

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-315/99013(DRS); 50-316/99013(DRS)

Dear Mr. Powers:

On June 11, 1999, the NRC completed a special inspection of activities under your license as related to your implementation of the Programmatic and Functional Area Restart Readiness Assessments at your D. C. Cook Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. These assessments addressed portions of Case Specific Checklist Items No. 14, "Programmatic Readiness Assessments," and No. 15, "Functional Area Readiness Assessments," that were established through the NRC's Manual Chapter 0350, "Staff Guidelines for Restart Approval." Specifically, this inspection evaluated your assessment process and your progress in identification of programmatic and functional area restart issues. The inspection focused on the assessments of the Corrective Action, Design Engineering, Plant Engineering, Operations and Maintenance functional areas, and of programs within these areas. The enclosed report documents the results of the inspection.

Your assessment teams conducted their reviews using a structured approach and were successful in identifying issues potentially impacting department or program performance. Further, the System Readiness Review Board established high expectations for the assessment process. The inspectors identified several potential weaknesses in the assessment processes and documentation quality which could challenge the effectiveness of your efforts. For example, the assessment procedures did not require review of past process performance problems to ensure they were corrected. Your staff was taking appropriate actions to address these issues.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. The violation pertained to the failure to take adequate corrective action to correct known preventative maintenance process weaknesses, which resulted in overdue preventative maintenance tasks on safety related equipment. Failure to perform the required maintenance on equipment at the recommended frequency could challenge the long term reliability of the equipment and associated systems. This issue was another manifestation of the breakdown in the corrective action system that contributed to the extended shutdown and improvement initiatives under way at D. C. Cook.

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Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy requires that for Severity Level IV violations to be dispositioned as NCVs, they be appropriately placed in a licensee corrective action program. Implicit in that requirement is that the corrective action program be fully acceptable. The D. C. Cook Plant corrective action program was not adequate and has been the focus of significant attention by your staff to improve the program. While your staff and the NRC have not yet concluded that the corrective action program is fully effective, the corrective action and design control program improvement efforts are underway and captured in the D. C. Cook Plant Restart Plan which is under the formal oversight of the NRC through the NRC Manual Chapter 0350 process, "Staff Guidelines for Restart Approval." Consequently, these issues will be dispositioned as NCVs.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC'S "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, the enclosure, and your response to this letter, if you choose to provide one, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original /s/ John A. Grobe

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-315; 316
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Enclosure: Inspection Report 50-315/99013(DRS);
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