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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting on September 26, 1989, is the SALP 8 Board Report for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Generating Plant, covering the period from March 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989.

In accord with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that the conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the D.C. Cook facility shows an appropriate concern for nuclear safety. Although the current performance has improved as compared to previous SALP periods, I believe D.C. Cook needs to maintain its effort to sustain this long-term improving trend in order to achieve superior performance. Highlights of the report are set forth below:

1. The assessment of performance of D.C. Cook indicated six Category 2 ratings and two Category 1 ratings. There were no areas of decline since the previous SALP Report.
2. The area of Plant Operations received a Category 1 rating which is an improvement from the Category 2 and improving rating received during the previous SALP period. This improvement was largely a result of a reduction in enforcement, a reduced number of events, and overall conservative operating philosophy. However, this is not a strong Category 1 rating; therefore, your continued attention in this functional area is appropriate and needed.
3. The area of Emergency Preparedness received a Category 1 rating which is an improvement from the Category 2 rating received during the previous SALP period based on good or improving performance in all facets of this functional area.

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4. There were occasions during this assessment period when the licensee failed to evaluate root causes when addressing problems and only performed root cause analysis after NRC prompting. These instances indicate a need for more extensive evaluation in approaching operational decisions.
5. In view of the large number of contractor personnel at D.C. Cook and the plant problems contributed by this group, greater control appears appropriate.

While you will have sufficient opportunity to present your comments at the meeting on September 26, 1989, we also solicit written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as an Appendix to the enclosed SALP Board Report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP Board Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



A. Bert Davis  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: SALP 8 Board Report  
Nos. 50-315/89001; 50-316/89001

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