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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-250/87-19 AND 50-251/87-19

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board has completed its periodic evaluation of your Turkey Point facility. This facility was evaluated for the period May 1, 1986, through May 31, 1987. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report. The report will be discussed with you at the Turkey Point site at 9:00 a.m., on July 30, 1987.

The performance of your Turkey Point facility was evaluated in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance, surveillance, emergency preparedness, security and safeguards, outages, quality programs and administrative controls affecting quality, licensing activities, training and qualification effectiveness, and engineering support.

The engineering support category is a new functional area that has been added to the SALP. This new category explores events and problems that occurred during the period. The Florida Power and Light engineering functions have figured prominently in activities on site.

As noted by the SALP Board, you will need to continue your intense management involvement in activities associated with your Turkey Point facility. Your major personnel, material and financial commitments are recognized and are having a positive effect as evidenced by the improvements in plant operations, maintenance and quality programs. However, weaknesses in facility performance have been noted in the areas of security and safeguards, training and qualification effectiveness, and engineering support. The various parts of the Performance Enhancement Program (PEP) have been pursued vigorously as have your other initiatives to improve performance. While the general trend is improving, and the plant and its staff are in better condition, a number of individual significant events and inspection findings during the period covered have precluded higher ratings at this time. One such significant event was the conoseal leak on the Unit 4 reactor vessel head. This event highlighted our concerns with management effectiveness both in the decision-making process that allowed the unit to operate in the Fall of 1986 and the initial response to the event in March 1987. Also, the loss of boric acid flowpaths event in late

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May 1987 gave us cause to question the effectiveness of improvements in the area of plant operations that were evident up to this period of time.

Your management attention in the area of training and qualification effectiveness was displayed by the construction of a new training facility which was dedicated by Chairman Lando Zech in February 1987. However, the continued poor performance in this area was apparently inconsistent with the resources you have expended. Similarly, the area of security and safeguards appears to suffer from inadequate management oversight.

We also note that some of your initiatives have yielded significant safety improvements. The design basis reconstitution of selected safety systems has uncovered several design or procedural deficiencies for which you took prompt and effective corrective action. The Procedure Upgrade Program also appears to be progressing well and has resulted in substantial improvements. We will continue to monitor and work closely with you in the implementation of these programs.

Any comments which you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting in Homestead, Florida. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as appendices to the enclosed SALP Board report.

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

Sincerely,

J. Nelson Grace
Regional Administrator

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SALP Board Report -
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