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Mr. Boyce H. Grier, Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Grier:

NRC IE BULLETIN NO. 80-12
DECAY HEAT REMOVAL SYSTEM OPERABILITY
SALEM GENERATING STATION
UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311

In our June 9, 1980 response to the subject Bulletin, we reported that we had reviewed the circumstances and sequences of events which caused the loss of decay heat removal (DHR) capabilities at the Davis-Besse Plant, events at Salem Generating Station where decay heat removal capabilities were affected, and physical hardware capability of our facility to prevent DHR loss events. We indicated that procedural review was in progress and expected to be complete by July 18, 1980; that review is still ongoing and procedures will be upgraded, wherever possible improvements are identified, by September 15, 1980.

Our Emergency Instruction, I-4.22, "Loss of Residual Heat Removal (RHR) Shutdown Cooling," has been revised to provide additional guidance for recovery from a loss of RHR System. Recently received NRC recommended Technical Specification changes are being evaluated for timely incorporation into our license to provide long term assurance that DHR capability will be maintained.

Upon completion of the design changes required to automate the switchover from injection to cold leg recirculation, other procedural modifications will be made. In the interim, our present plant design and our existing procedures, coupled with the impending Technical Specifications changes, will provide the necessary diversity and redundancy to assure adequate DHR capability for all modes of operation.

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If you have any further questions, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

F. W. Schneider