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Docket Nos. 50-272
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Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
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Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

Subject: NRC Combined Inspection Nos. 50-272/92-05; 50-311/92-05; 50-354/92-05

An inspection of the radiological controls programs at the Hope Creek and Salem Nuclear Generating Stations was conducted by Mr. R. L. Nimitz. The inspection at the Hope Creek Station was unannounced and occurred during the period March 30 - April 3, 1992, and the inspection at the Salem Station was announced and occurred during the period April 13-16, 1992. The findings of the Hope Creek inspection were discussed with Mr. J. Hagan on April 3, 1992, and the findings of the Salem Station inspection were discussed with Mr. C. Vondra on April 16, 1992.

Areas reviewed during the inspection were important to health and safety. The inspector reviewed the implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of routine radiological controls at the Hope Creek Station, including radiological controls performance during the March 1992 mid-cycle outage. Also, the inspector reviewed similar matters at the Salem Station, including radiological controls for the Unit 1 refueling outage. Details regarding the areas reviewed and inspection findings are provided in the enclosed report.

The inspection identified that overall, very good radiological controls were implemented at the site. The controls served to minimize unnecessary external and internal radiation exposure of workers. Commendable planning and preparation for work activities at the stations was noted. Overall controls for radioactive and contaminated material have improved and appeared good, however, there was a need to evaluate the effectiveness of controls for release of potentially contaminated material from the radiological controlled areas of both stations. Within the scope of this combined inspection, no safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were identified.

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No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Enclosure: NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-272/92-05; 50-311/92-05; 50-354/92-05

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