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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-272/97-19, 50-311/97-19

Dear Mr. Eliason:

On November 30, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your Salem 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the six-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Salem facilities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls. Plant and operations management implemented appropriate immediate corrective actions to address an increase in configuration control errors for Unit 1. However, continued management attention is warranted to avoid the occurrence of similar errors as your staff continues to prepare Unit 1 for restart.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Sincerely,

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