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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/89-15 AND 50-364/89-15

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Farley facility. The facility was evaluated for the period April 1, 1988 through July 31, 1989. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Interim SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Farley facility on November 1, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

The performance of your Farley facility was evaluated in the functional areas of Plant Operations, Radiological Controls, Maintenance/Surveillance, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification. Although the functional areas evaluated during this assessment period are not identical to those evaluated in the previous period, a close correlation can be made for identifying changes in performance.

During the SALP period, the Farley station sustained the superior performance of the previous period in the operations and radiological controls areas and improved station performance in several other areas. The assessment clearly indicates superior performance in the majority of the assessment categories. I commend your managers and staff for attaining this level of performance and challenge them to achieve this same superior performance in the remainder of the assessment categories

The SALP is primarily positive in its findings but as is always the case, there are some areas that could benefit from increased management oversight. These are identified in the body of the SALP report.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your Farley facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. These comments will be considered in the development of the Final SALP Report. Your comments and a summary of our meeting will be issued as an appendix to the Final SALP Report.

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Sincerely,

(Original signed by SDFbneter)

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Enclosure: Interim SALP Report - Farley

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