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Docket No. 50-443

Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Final Report  
Number 50-443/87-99 (8/1/87 - 6/30/89)

This letter forwards the above subject Final Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant SALP Report (Enclosure 1). The SALP identified good overall performance except for the June 22, 1989 Natural Circulation Test. During that test, failing to trip the reactor as required on low pressurizer level and then initially failing to premise further operation upon resolution of human performance considerations were a significant exception to the otherwise good performance during the SALP period.

We note that your October 31, 1989 SALP comments (Enclosure 2) generally agree with our assessment. We acknowledge your comment that the Independent Review Team did not confirm certain NRC observations regarding strained departmental interfaces. While we did not change the SALP report, we will readdress this particular aspect during the next SALP period. We also acknowledge that you plan to shift emphasis of the Operational Quality Assurance Program toward more performance based inspections.

At an October 11, 1989 meeting at your corporate offices (meeting attendees are listed in Enclosure 3), we discussed this SALP evaluation with you based on the SALP Board report forwarded to you on September 26, 1989 by Enclosure 4. From our discussions at this meeting, it appears that you have been applying appropriate management attention to improve performance.

No reply to this letter is required. We will be separately monitoring and assessing your Corrective Action Plan which you are in the process of implementing in response to the June 22, 1989 event and subsequent NRC Confirmatory Action Letter No. 89-11 and related Notices of Violation and Civil Penalty. Thank you for your cooperation during this SALP process.

Sincerely,

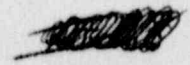
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Enclosures:

1. Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance Report 50-443/87-99
2. Letter, New Hampshire Yankee to W. T. Russell dated October 31, 1989
3. List of Attendees at the October 1, 1989 SALP Management Meeting
4. Letter, NRC to E. A. Brown dated September 26, 1989, transmitting the SALP Board Report

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