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Docket No. 50-443

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Seabrook Operational Readiness Assessment Team Inspection 50-443/89-83
(11/13-20/89)

The enclosed report describes the findings of an NRC Operational Readiness Assessment Team (ORAT) inspection. For the areas reviewed, safe control of activities and compliance with NRC requirements were demonstrated. Program elements for safe operation were present. Positive findings in each inspection area included management and staff emphasis on operational programs. The ORAT concluded that upon resolution of the three items noted in this letter, New Hampshire Yankee (NHY) is ready and able to safely operate the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

As discussed with members of your staff at the inspection exit meeting on November 20, 1989, you agreed to the following:

- (1) Verify that local operating and alarm response procedures are available and useable at local operating and alarm stations. Safety-related procedures were to be verified prior to restart; non-safety-related procedures will be completed prior to entering Mode 4. Your staff has since indicated partial completion of this item, which is being inspected separately.
- (2) Verify that Technical Specification Clarifications and Interpretations do not contravene the Final Safety Analysis Report or Technical Specifications prior to entering the applicable operating mode.
- (3) Provide a summary of the effectiveness of corrective actions based on NRC Confirmatory Action Letter 89-11 (accomplished by NHY letter dated December 21, 1989) and obtain Regional Administrator concurrence that the plant may be restarted (addressed in separate correspondence).

In addition to the items identified above, the ORAT assessed the following items as having a significant potential for improving performance. These items are forwarded for your consideration.

-- Reducing maintenance backlog and maintenance personnel overtime.

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- Providing formal refresher and significant process change training on 10 CFR 50.59 safety evaluations for the Station Operations Review Committee (SORC).
- Reducing the administrative burden on SORC.
- Increasing the in-field presence of middle management.
- Establishing a challenging set of ALARA goals, and training job supervisors and radiological controls technicians in ALARA techniques.
- Providing continuing radiological controls training for temporary radiological controls personnel who are employed for extended continuous periods at Seabrook.
- Providing specific training for radiological controls and operations personnel on the radiological hazards expected from power operation.
- Providing additional engineering review of Annunciator Response Procedures.

Thank you for the cooperation extended to our inspection team.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Region I Inspection Report No. 50-443/89-83

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