



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
631 PARK AVENUE
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Docket No. 50-293

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Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
ATTN: Mr. A. V. Morisi
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-293/80-30

This refers to the routine inspection conducted by Mr. J. Johnson of this office on October 31-November 26, 1980 of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-35 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. J. Johnson with Mr. R. Machon and other members of your staff periodically during the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

In addition, our inspector examined items 1 and 2 discussed in our letter to Mr. J. E. Howard dated October 31, 1980, regarding the inadvertent opening of 'A' Safety Relief Valve on October 31, 1980. This letter also confirms our understanding that the NRC will be provided a documented evaluation of system modifications and testing, for our review and concurrence, prior to restoration of the nitrogen system (to the drywell instrumentation) to service.

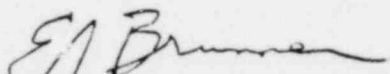
Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed. However, certain activities appear to be deviations from your commitments to the NRC contained in letters dated August 21, 1979 and December 19, 1979 concerning limitations on containment purge and vent operations, and from your commitment to NRC contained in a letter dated October 15, 1980, concerning limiting working hours for control room operators. Both deviations represent apparent failures on your part to incorporate commitments into plant procedures and instructions, and to train plant personnel in fulfilling those commitments. You are requested to respond and comment on these items. Please include a description of all actions that have been or will be taken to correct the items and prevent recurrence, and the date when these actions have been or will be completed. In particular, your response should describe those actions taken or planned by you to insure your future commitments to NRC are promptly implemented.

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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Eldon J. Brunner, Chief
Reactor Operations and Nuclear
Support Branch

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Deviation
2. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection
Report Number 50-293/80-30

cc w/encls:

R. D. Machon, Nuclear Operations Manager - Pilgrim Station