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Centerior Service Company
ATTN: Mr. R. A. Stratman
Vice President
Nuclear - Perry
c/o The Cleveland Electric
Illuminating Company
10 Center Road
Perry, OH 44081

Dear Mr. Stratman:

Enclosed for your review, before our scheduled meeting of April 8, 1993, is the Initial SALP 12 Report for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, covering the period November 1, 1991, through January 31, 1993.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that your conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the Perry facility was adequate, but declined from the previous assessment period. This decline is of concern to us.

Overall, staffing and qualifications were considered a facility strength in all program areas. The functional areas of Emergency Preparedness and Security were rated Category 1. You are commended for your continued excellent performance in these areas. The remaining functional areas, with the exception of Safety Assessment and Quality Verification, were rated Category 2. Safety Assessment and Quality Verification was rated Category 3. Your performance in Radiological Controls, Maintenance and Surveillance, and Engineering and Technical Support declined, though not enough to lower the numerical ratings. The rating in Safety Assessment and Quality Verification was lower than the rating in the previous SALP.

There are a number of issues that exist that demonstrate a need for management attention. The low Category 2 ratings noted above are, at least in part, attributed to the general management approach in those functional areas. For example, in Maintenance and Surveillance, management was not effective in ensuring that the material condition of the plant and post-maintenance cleanup were maintained at appropriate levels or in ensuring that corrective actions were effective; in Radiological Controls, the acceptance of the poor material condition of the plant and the poor housekeeping contributed to the attitude that these conditions were acceptable and to a large increase in the number of low level contamination events; and in Engineering and Technical Support, management lacked an aggressive questioning attitude needed to ensure that technically adequate evaluations of issues were consistently performed. These

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At the SALP meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessments and your plans to improve performance. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding our report are discussed. Additionally, you may provide written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as the Final SALP Report.

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 Initial SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the Initial SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY A. BERT DAVIS

A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

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