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Docket Nos. 50-272
50-311

Mr. Steven E. Miltenberger
Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer
Public Service Electric and Gas Company
P.O. Box 236
Hancocks Bridge, NJ 08038

Dear Mr. Miltenberger:

SUBJECT: SALEM INSPECTION NUMBERS 50-272/94-03 AND 50-311/94-03

This letter refers to the announced safety inspection at Salem Units 1 and 2 conducted by J. S. Stewart from January 31 to February 4, 1994. The results of this inspection were discussed with Mr. L. Catalfumo and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The inspector reviewed the conduct of operations and concluded that your operational activities were effective in ensuring safety and were conducted in compliance with regulatory requirements and Public Service Electric and Gas procedural expectations. However, repetitive equipment malfunctions hampered plant operations at both units and unnecessarily challenged the operators. Main condenser circulating water heat exchangers repeatedly clogged, requiring a number of power reductions. Also, a simultaneous failure of the two operating station air compressors caused a temporary loss of all control air for the station. The operators responded to these challenges effectively.

A station Significant Events Response Team had been established to review the loss of control air event. We encourage your efforts in reviewing this event to establish a root cause and to prevent repetitive occurrences.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Glenn W. Meyer

Glenn W. Meyer, Chief
PWR Section, Operations Branch
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NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-272/94-03 and 50-311/94-03;

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