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Docket No. 50-193

Mr. T. Tehan, Director
Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center
Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission
South Ferry Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882-1197

Dear Mr. Tehan:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-193/94-01

An announced inspection of your reactor radiation safety and operation programs was conducted by Mr Stephen Holmes of this office, on February 14-18, 1994, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-95. Discussions of our findings were held by Mr Holmes with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection.

Areas reviewed during this inspection are important to public health and safety and are described in the enclosed inspection report. The areas examined included status of a previously identified items, staffing, radiation worker training, postings, radiation surveys and analyses, instrument calibration, personnel dosimetry, effluent releases, operator requalification, fuel movement, and new 10 CFR 20 implementation. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, including discussions with Mr Richard A. Bouchard, Project Manager of the Rhode Island Radiation Protection Office and State Liaison Officer to the NRC, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this review, we found that equipment calibration, surveys, and general housekeeping were good. Fuel handling and movement records were excellent. The inspector and licensee representatives discussed pertinent areas of the radiation protection program that were undergoing revision in implementation of the new 10 CFR 20 requirements.

Your dilemma in coordinating one radiation program for separate State and Federal licenses was discussed with you and your staff. Although Rhode Island, at the time of this inspection, had not issued the new state radiation program guidance, you had fulfilled all aspects of the new 10 CFR 20 requirements save having the updated program in writing. Additionally you and your Radiation Protection Officer committed to additional action to insure that all requirements of the new 10 CFR 20 are fulfilled by your staff. We request you inform us when these actions are completed and on the status of Rhode Island's issuance of the state program.

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No violations of regulatory requirements were identified.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-193/94-01

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