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Docket No. 9990403

General Electric Company
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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF NRC INVESTIGATION NO. 3-90-001

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you of the results of an investigation conducted by the NRC's Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether General Electric officials deliberately: (1) withheld or delayed information of potential safety significance related to boiling water reactor core stability or; (2) presented false or misleading information to the NRC during licensing reviews and during a LaSalle Unit 2 enforcement conference.

The investigation did not produce sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations. The synopsis from the OI investigation report is enclosed. The NRC plans no further action related to these matters. However, the NRC does conclude that the timely and full evaluation of information indicating deficiencies in ongoing work in the core stability area may have been somewhat hampered by the high thresholds for evaluation and reporting that existed in your company prior to the NRC's issuance of a Severity Level III 10 CFR Part 21 violation (EA-87-120) in 1987.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice" a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Robert C. Jones For:
Martin J. Virgilio, Acting Director
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure:
As stated

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