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Docket No. 50-346

Toledo Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Donald Shelton
Vice President
Nuclear

Edison Plaza
300 Madison Avenue
Toledo, OH 43652

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of October 2, 1990, is the Initial SALP 8 Report for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Plant, covering the period March 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990.

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 Davis-Besse facility was good.

Performance in the functional areas of Emergency Preparedness and Security continues to be excellent. Both of these areas sustained a Category 1 rating. Performance in the area of Maintenance/Surveillance improved as demonstrated by a low forced outage rate, reduction in the maintenance work order backlog, and by effective management of the preventive maintenance and surveillance programs. The functional areas of Radiological Controls, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification each remained at a Category 2 rating. We have noted a significant increase in the number and quality of your performance based audits and critical self-assessments.

Weaknesses were noted in the functional area of Operations. These weaknesses involve your failure to provide adequate overview and control of operational activities during the recent refueling outage. The major root causes for these problems appear to be inattention to detail and a lack of awareness of plant conditions by your operations staff. These causes are similar to ones that were identified during the previous assessment period. However, I note that aggressive corrective actions were taken once these problems were identified by your staff. Additionally, your actions to stop work and initiate an independent review of your operations as a result of events is viewed very positively by the NRC. Since implementation of your corrective action programs was only recently initiated, we plan to monitor the effectiveness of these program throughout the next assessment period.

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.

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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 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,
A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

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Dunlop/jaw

Paperiello
9/20/90

yes
RIII

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Jackiw

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yes
RIII

9/7/90
Pederson

yes
RIII

9/6/90
Khop

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Greenman

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Miller

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Norelius

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