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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-416/94-03)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for Grand Gulf. The facility was evaluated for the period August 23, 1992, through February 26, 1994. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Grand Gulf site on April 22, 1994, at 9:00 a.m.

This SALP was conducted under the revised SALP process implemented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on July 19, 1993. The revised process assesses four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support. The Plant Support area includes: radiological controls, security, emergency preparedness, fire protection, chemistry, and housekeeping controls.

The assessment resulted in the assignment of superior ratings in all functional areas. This was an extraordinary level of performance, resulting from a dedication to excellence and teamwork. Not only was the past history of strong performance in Plant Operations, Maintenance, and the areas which now comprise Plant Support sustained, but the level of performance in Engineering was improved.

Management has been effective in establishing high standards of performance, in providing necessary resources to attain those standards, and in making conservative decisions regarding safety. While normally proactive in dealing with matters affecting safety (such as the challenges presented by unnecessary plant trips after outages), your clear demonstration of the ability to react quickly and thoroughly to safety issues (such as the problems discovered with the standby service water pumps) provides evidence of your commitment to safety. Although the last example occurred just after the assessment period ended, it is indicative of your sensitivity to safety problems and your ability to respond to them. The only anomaly noted in quality assurance and safety verification was the issue discussed in both Maintenance and Plant Support in which the monitoring of contractor performance did not prevent problems.

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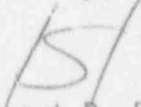
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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


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