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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company
ATTN: Mr. Ralph G. Bird
Senior Vice President - Nuclear
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Rocky Hill Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Final Report
No. 50-293/89-99

This letter forwards the final Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report (Enclosure 1) for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS) for the period July 1, 1989 through August 15, 1990. The initial report was forwarded by our October 4, 1990 letter (Enclosure 2). The SALP evaluation was discussed with you and your staff at a meeting held at the Chiltonville Training Center in Plymouth, Massachusetts on October 16, 1990 (see Enclosure 3 for attendees and Enclosure 4 for slides used by NRC at the meeting).

Our assessment noted improved performance in the area of plant operations and radiological controls as well as sustained superior performance in the areas of security and engineering and technical support. Assessment of the remaining functional areas was consistent with the previous SALP report. We concluded that improved and continued strong performance during this SALP period was largely attributable to your improved self-assessment capabilities.

We reviewed your response to the SALP Board Report, dated November 5, 1990 (Enclosure 5). We note your exception to a statement within the Emergency Preparedness functional area regarding the sufficiency of actions to resolve outstanding offsite issues. We recognize your support in the upgrade of EP facilities, plans, and procedures and we understand the complexity of the issues involved. We believe we have appropriately documented your actions and the issues of concern. However, we remain concerned that in spite of your efforts to date, certain offsite issues remain unresolved. Therefore, we have concluded the statement is accurate and it remains as previously stated.

We concur with your comment regarding engineering safety features actuation vice safety system actuation and the plant operations functional area has been appropriately amended. With respect to your comment regarding the frequency of radwaste quality assurance surveillances, my staff previously reviewed the reports cited in your response letter during the course of routine inspections and has concluded that QA surveillance was focused on chemistry not radwaste. The report has been revised accordingly. It should be noted that there was no implication of adverse performance as a result of this observation.

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We were pleased by your commitment at the October 16 meeting to continue the support necessary to ensure sustained performance improvements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
Thomas T. Martin

Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. NRC Region I Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance
(SALP) Final Report No. 50-293/89-99
2. NRC Letter, T. Martin to R. Bird, dated October 4, 1990
3. SALP Management Meeting Attendees dated October 16, 1990
4. NRC Presentation Slides, October 16, 1990
5. BECo Letter, R. Bird to NRC, dated November 5, 1990
6. Revision Sheet

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