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University of Michigan
ATTN: Dr. Ronald Fleming, Director
Michigan Memorial - Phoenix
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Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. T. Ploski and others of this office on November 13-16, 1990, of activities at the University of Michigan's Ford Nuclear Reactor, authorized by NRC Operating License No. R-28, and to the discussion of our findings with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies areas examined during the inspection. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

During this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as described in the enclosed inspection report. However, because NRC wants to encourage and support licensee initiatives for self-identification and correction of problems, the NRC will not generally issue a Notice of Violation for cases meeting the criteria of 10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Sections V.A or V.G. Two such cases are discussed in Paragraph 4 of the enclosed inspection report. No reply to these violations is required and we have no further questions regarding these matters at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

. Robert Greger, Chief Reactor Programs Branch

Enclosure: Inspection Report No. 50-002/90001(DRSS)

See Attached Distribution

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