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Philadelphia Electric Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Final Report
Number 50-352/89-99; 50-353/89-99

This letter forwards the final Limerick Generating Station SALP Report (Enclosure 1) for the period September 1, 1989, through October 15, 1990. The initial SALP Report was forwarded to you by our December 21, 1990, letter (Enclosure 2) and was discussed with Messrs. J. F. Paquette, C. A. McNeill, yourself and members of your staff at a meeting on January 8, 1991, at your Information Center in Limerick, Pennsylvania.

We have reviewed your written response (Enclosure 3) and concluded that, other than to correct the typographical error you pointed out, no changes to the initial SALP Report are needed.

Our assessment indicated continued strong performance at Limerick during a challenging period of completing the Unit 2 startup testing program and the transition to two unit operation. Overall, we noted management involvement and attention was successful in maintaining or improving performance in each functional area. As discussed at the SALP management meeting, and as described in your SALP written response, we acknowledge your efforts and plans to continue to improve performance and address the identified weaknesses, such as the need for earlier identification of adverse trends before they result in programmatic problems, noted in our assessment.

Since the SALP management meeting, NRC has conducted requalification examinations at Limerick. While the examination success rate was substantially improved over last year, individual exam weaknesses were noted. These are being reviewed by the NRC staff to assess their relation to your programmatic corrective actions mentioned in the SALP. As discussed with your staff, we look forward to meeting with you in a few weeks to discuss requalification program issues after you have finalized your on-going self-assessment of the requalification program.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your actions in response to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance will be reviewed during future inspections of your facility.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:
Thomas T. Martin

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Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance Report No. 50-352/89-99;
50-353/89-99
2. NRC Region I letter, T. Martin to D. Smith, dated December 21, 1990
3. PECO letter, G. Leitch to NRC, dated January 28, 1991

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