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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance Report

This forwards the initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report (50-445/90-46; 50-446/90-46) for Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES), Units 1 and 2. The SALP Board met on March 7, 1991, to evaluate CPSES's performance for the period September 1, 1989, through January 31, 1991. The performance analyses and resulting evaluations are documented in the enclosed initial SALP report.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board's assessment and concur with their ratings, as discussed below. It is noteworthy that a common theme in the various functional areas was the high degree of management involvement and attention provided to problem identification and self-assessment initiatives.

1. The performance in the functional area of operations was rated as Category 2 with an improving trend. A conservative safety philosophy was exhibited at all levels, with potentially safety-significant problems receiving prompt and coordinated attention. The material condition of the secondary plant was noted as an area in need of continued improvement.
2. The functional area of radiological controls was rated as Category 2. The essential elements for effective programs were in place and routine performance in this area was very good. These programs had not yet been challenged by the demands of a major outage.
3. The functional area of maintenance/surveillance was rated as Category 2. Programs were well developed with generally good implementation. Staffing and training effectiveness was a strength with excellent training facilities. Some program implementation problems were noted in maintenance procedural compliance, surveillance scheduling, and surveillance procedure content.

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4. The functional area of emergency preparedness was rated as Category 1. Effective corrective actions to address previously identified weaknesses resulted in superior performance.
5. The functional area of security was rated as Category 1. State-of-the-art security equipment, enhanced by outstanding testing and maintenance and well qualified personnel resulted in superior performance.
6. Performance in the functional area of engineering/technical support was rated as Category 2. Engineering support for plant activities was generally strong with the system engineer program being notable. Overall technical support of operations and maintenance was generally good, but early in the assessment period some individual technical evaluations were weak, incomplete, or untimely. Management commitment to a strong training program was evident with a strong staff and excellent facilities. A continuing concern exists with the failure to effectively determine and correct the causes of poor performance on initial operator license training.
7. The functional area of safety assessment/quality verification was rated as Category 2 with an improving trend. Strong staffing and training initiatives were evident with continuing improvement noted in self-assessment capabilities. The effective use of task teams for problem investigation and corrective action recommendations and the application of industry experience were noted strengths. Continued emphasis on the thoroughness and comprehensiveness of technical evaluations supporting root cause evaluations and licensing actions will support improvement in this area.
8. Performance in the area of startup program was rated as Category 1. The application of the lessons learned from your superior performance in this area to the Unit 2 startup testing program will be useful to support a quality program on Unit 2.
9. Performance in the area of construction activities was not assigned a rating. This area will demand careful attention by the licensee and NRC during the next assessment period.

Overall, licensee performance reflects strong management support, good programs, and a well qualified staff. Performance was viewed as improving throughout this assessment period.

Based on NRC policy for newly licensed facilities, the next SALP interval will be of 12 months duration. Accordingly, the next SALP period will be from February 1, 1991, to January 31, 1992.

A management meeting has been scheduled with you and your staff at the CPSES site on April 18, 1991, at 9 a.m. to review the results of the SALP Board. Within 20 days of this management meeting, you may provide written comments on and amplification of, as appropriate, the initial SALP report. Your written comments, a summary of our meeting, and the results of my consideration of your

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comments will be issued as an appendix to the enclosed initial SALP report and will constitute the final SALP report.

Sincerely

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Appendix - Initial SALP Board Report
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