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Ms. Ann Marie Tracey
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United States Attorney
Southern District of Ohio
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Dear Ms. Tracey:

Enclosed is a copy of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE) report of investigation pertaining to their investigation conducted at the William H. Zimmer Nuclear Construction Project between January and November 1981. We are providing this report in order that your Office remains fully informed of the results of investigations conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at Zimmer. We have also been advised by IE representatives as late as November 23, 1981, that the stipulated report is considered "preliminary" and that Region III intends to continue investigative work at the site during the coming months. This Office will keep you apprised of any developments which may warrant your attention.

We have also enclosed the results of several OIA interviews conducted at the Zimmer site pertaining to alteration or falsification of quality control documentation. These interviews were also provided to IE prior to the completion of their investigative effort at the site.

Because of the limited lead time that was afforded before the public release of the IE investigative report and the issuance of an NRC civil penalty to Cincinnati Gas and Electric, we have not had sufficient time to review the IE report in detail. As evidenced by the letter from NRC to the licensee, however, it is clear that the alteration or falsification of QC documentation as it relates to violations of NRC regulations was addressed as a specific violation.

Should you have any questions after reviewing the enclosures, feel free to contact Arthur Schnebelen, Acting Assistant Director for Investigations, or John Sinclair of the Investigative Staff on 301-492-7170.

Sincerely,

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