



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

April 1, 1983

The Honorable Thomas H. Kean  
Governor of New Jersey  
State House  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Kean:

Thank you for your telegram of March 18, 1983 regarding the recent reactor trip breaker failure events at the Salem Nuclear Generating Station.

The Commission is very concerned about the health and safety significance of these two events. Salem Unit 1 is shut down and the licensee, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, has committed to keep the plant shut down until we are sure that the remedial actions taken are sufficient to assure safe operation. Salem Unit 2 is now shut down until we are similarly satisfied.

The NRC staff has evaluated both events and identified a number of potential contributors to failure. In addition, a special task force has been established to conduct a separate longer range study of the broader implications of the events and to determine what generic actions might be needed to prevent similar occurrences at other nuclear power plants. The Commission is being kept informed of the staff's plans on both short and long-term actions.

I am enclosing for your information NUREG-0977, the "NRC Fact-Finding Task Force Report on the ATWS Events at Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, on February 22 and 25, 1983."

Sincerely,

Nunzio J. Palladino

Enclosure:  
As stated

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# NRC Fact-Finding Task Force Report on the ATWS Event at Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, on February 25, 1983

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Region I Task Force

