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SUBJECT: TEAM INSPECTION OF PROBLEM SELF-IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION,
INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-293/94-80

Dear Mr. Boulette:

This letter transmits the report of the Problem Self-Identification and Prevention Team Inspection, conducted from August 22 to 26, and September 5 to 9, 1994 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The inspection was led by Mr. Lawrence Rossbach of this office and consisted of staff from Region I and NRR. The preliminary findings of the team were discussed with you and members of your staff at an exit meeting at the conclusion of the inspection on September 9, 1994.

The objective of this inspection was to perform a performance-based evaluation of the processes you use to ensure that issues/problems/conditions potentially adverse to quality or plant safety are identified, raised to the proper level of management, assessed, and corrected. In conducting this inspection, the team observed selective activities related to these areas, interviewed staff and management involved, and evaluated the quality of these activities.

The team concluded that these activities were being conducted in a safe manner, that Pilgrim Station has an effective process for identifying, evaluating, and correcting potentially safety-related problems, and that management of these activities is good. However, the ability of your staff to keep up with the volume of new issues and the large size of the backlog are weaknesses in your program. Also, we noted several instances where your staff was reluctant to use your established problem identification and evaluation processes. I understand that your staff is evaluating these areas.

No reply to this report is necessary, and your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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