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Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
ATTN: Mr. George C. Creel
Vice President, Nuclear Energy
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Lusby, Maryland 20657

Dear Mr. Creel:

**Subject: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-317/92-02 and
50-318/92-02 (January 5, 1992 to February 15, 1992)**

This report transmits the findings of the safety inspection conducted by the resident inspectors at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. At the conclusion of the inspection, these findings were discussed with Mr. Denton of your staff.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. The areas examined were selected in order to ensure that your facility was operated with due regard for public health and safety. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

As a result of our inspection, we identified that no procedures existed for the operation of the containment emergency air locks. This lack of procedure contributed to the December 24, 1991, improper operation of the Unit 1 emergency air lock. Additionally, we noted that your initial investigation into this event was limited in that it focused solely on the mechanical malfunction and neglected the human performance causal factors. While the safety significance of this event was low, we are concerned that your investigation was not comprehensive and that there was no procedure for operating the air lock. The lack of an emergency air lock procedure is a violation of NRC requirements as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Appendix A).

Two additional problems were identified that are not being cited as violations because of your aggressive identification and corrective actions. The first problem involves the lack of specific procedure steps to perform operability checks on radiation monitoring instruments prior to waste discharges. The second problem involves the failure to resolve the degraded performance of a main steam isolation valve as required by your surveillance program. Based on our review, both problems were of minor safety significance; however, the lack of procedure steps and the failure to resolve a surveillance discrepancy are violations of NRC requirements. These violations will not be subject to enforcement action because your efforts in identifying and correcting the violations meet the criteria specified in Section V.G of the Enforcement Policy.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the Notice of Violation when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and include any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's " Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paper Work Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-317/92-02 and 50-318/92-02

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