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Dear Mr. Kovach:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF PLANNED SITE VISIT TO VIEW "LOCAL CONTROL STATIONS"

The purpose of this letter is to confirm your agreement to host site visits by a three-member team led by an NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Project Manager and two contractor personnel. These visits are scheduled for August 21 and the morning of August 22, 1991, for Byron Station and the afternoon of August 22 and August 23, 1991, for LaSalle Station.

The objective of these site visits is for the team to obtain information which will be used by the NRC in its resolution of Generic Issue HF 5.1, "Local Control Stations." For the purpose of this study, a "Local Control Station" is defined as any human-system interface related to nuclear power plant process control that is located outside the main control room. Thus, a Local Control Station would include controls (valves, switches, breakers, etc.) and/or displays (meters, gauges, monitors, etc.) that may be operated or consulted outside the main control room during normal, abnormal, or emergency operations.

During these site visits, the team will: (1) examine a representative sample of Local Control Stations in the plant to determine the state of their human factors designs, and (2) discuss past, current, or planned future upgrades to Local Control Stations at the plant. To achieve the team's objectives, it would be useful for the team to meet with plant personnel who are concerned with and/or responsible for human factors and training in order to identify the sample of Local Control Stations to be observed and to review any upgrade efforts that have been or may be made to the Local Control Stations. The benefits of the site visit will be greatly enhanced if the team could be escorted to the selected Local Control Stations by a knowledgeable staff member (such as an auxiliary operator) with current experience at such Local Control Stations.

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It is planned that these site visits will require a maximum of two days on each site. Contractor personnel will include a human factors specialist and an individual with experience in nuclear power plant operations.

Please contact me at (301) 492-3028 if you have any questions regarding this site visit.

Sincerely,

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