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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-263/95007

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The inspection activities focused on your operations, maintenance, engineering, plant support, and safety assessment areas. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel. The purpose of the inspection effort was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Your implementation of the torus hardened vent modification in response to Generic Letter 89-16 demonstrated effective configuration control and management, thorough plant specific review of the industry approach, and good teamwork across the entire site organizations (TI 2515/121). While overall exercise performance during the full-participation exercise was excellent, one emergency preparedness exercise weakness was identified and is described in the enclosed appendix. The exercise weakness concerned untimely notification of the NRC. As required by 10 CFR 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F, any exercise weakness must be corrected.

No violations of NRC requirements were identified during this inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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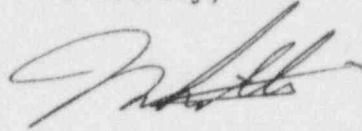
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Sincerely,



M. P. Phillips, Chief  
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DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE WEAKNESS

During the course of this inspection, the following weakness was identified during the performance of your emergency preparedness exercise:

Notification was not made to the NRC immediately after State and local agency notifications. 10 CFR 50.72 states, "...the licensee shall notify the NRC immediately after notification of the appropriate State or local agencies and no later than one hour after the time licensee declares one of the emergency classes." An Exercise Weakness was identified regarding the failure to notify the NRC immediately after the State and local agencies (Exercise Weakness (263/95007-01)).

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