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Mr. George V. McGowan  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. McGowan:

On January 14 and 15, 1992, NRC senior managers met to review the performance of nuclear power plants licensed to operate by the NRC. These meetings are conducted semiannually to focus NRC resources on those plants and related issues of greatest safety significance. At this meeting, it was concluded that Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 have demonstrated sustained improvement sufficient to warrant removal from the category of plants that require increased attention from both NRC Headquarters and the Regional office.

A summary of the discussions held relating to Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 is provided below:

Since the June 1991 Senior Management Meeting the licensee has continued to improve performance in all previously identified problem areas and has demonstrated a sustained period of safe operations. Continued strong management involvement in day-to-day activities and emphasis on procedure adherence and quality have contributed significantly to this positive trend in performance. The NRC has verified that sufficient measures and resources have been dedicated to carry out long-range corrective actions and prevent recurrence of problems. However, continued, enhanced licensee attention to the areas of Maintenance, Engineering and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification is warranted to sustain the improving trend in the backlog of maintenance and engineering activities, the consistency and timeliness of evaluations on the operability impact of unexpected or degraded conditions, and the timeliness of resolution of identified problems. Based on the continued good safety performance at the site, the NRC has concluded that the management and organizational changes that have been made in response to past problems have been successful.

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As a result, the NRC has determined that sufficient overall improvement in management oversight and operator performance has been demonstrated by the licensee such that close NRC monitoring of licensee activities is no longer warranted. Long-term effects of the improvement programs on the safety performance of the units will continue to be evaluated by normal NRC inspection activities.

An NRC Commission meeting, open to the public, has been scheduled for February 5, 1992, to review the results of the latest meeting of NRC managers. Mr. Thomas T. Martin, the Region I Administrator, has discussed the basis for our conclusions with regard to Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 with members of your staff.

If you have any questions, regarding this matter, do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
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