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Docket No. 50-346

Superior Service Company
ATTN: Mr. Donald Shelton
Vice President
Nuclear-Davis-Besse
c/o Toledo Edison Company
300 Madison Avenue
Toledo, OH 43652

Dear Mr. Shelton:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting of March 3, 1992, is the Initial SALP 9 Report for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station covering the period July 1, 1990, through November 30, 1991.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that your conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the Davis-Besse facility was good. During this assessment period, your overall performance has continued to improve. Specific areas I would like to highlight are:

1. The area of Operations improved during this period and was rated Category 2. This resulted from implementation of several management initiatives to improve the overview and control of operational activities during outages. With continued reinforcement of these initiatives, further improvement in this area can occur.
2. The areas of Radiological Controls and Security were again rated Category 2 and Category 1, respectively.
3. The area of Maintenance/Surveillance has continued to improve over the previous assessment period and was rated a Category 1. This improvement resulted from continued equipment reliability, good training and preventive maintenance programs, and use of state-of-the-art technology for performance monitoring.
4. The area of Engineering/Technical Support improved and was rated Category 2 with an improving trend. This performance was supported by strong management initiative, effective system engineering support, experienced staff and completion of outage modification packages in a timely manner. The high engineering backlog, however, is a concern.

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- 5. The area of Safety Assessment/Quality Verification improved and was rated Category 2 with an improving trend. This performance was indicative of strong site management, critical self-assessments, and a good Quality Assurance program.
- 6. The area of Emergency Preparedness (EP) had a declining trend but was still rated Category 1. The decline was attributed to the 1991 exercise performance where one exercise weakness and several concerns were identified. You continued to demonstrate strong management support and maintained excellent EP facilities.

At the SALP meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessments. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you may have regarding the report are discussed. Additionally, you may provide written comments within 30 days after the meeting. Your comments, a summary of our meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as the Final SALP Report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the Initial SALP Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the Initial SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Initial SALP 9
Report No. 346/91001

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