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SUBJECT: PEACH BOTTOM INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-277/95-21 AND  
50-278/95-21

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter transmits the NRC Region I inspection report for the announced safety inspection conducted by Messrs. A. Lohmeier and M. McBrearty of this office during the period August 21-25, 1995, at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Delta, Pennsylvania. Messrs. Lohmeier and McBrearty discussed the findings of this inspection with members of your staff at the exit meeting on August 25, 1995.

This inspection was directed toward assessment of engineering activities providing for the protection of public health and safety at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station (PBAPS). The inspection conclusions were derived from interviews with plant personnel, examination of plant records, and observations by the inspectors.

The scope of the inspection included the evaluation of PBAPS' ongoing revisions of its process for performing plant modifications, reviews of several planned and completed plant modifications, evaluation of the effectiveness of engineering in response to significant plant events, evaluation of the effectiveness of the process for performing temporary plant alterations, review of backlogged engineering work, review of PBAPS engineering's self-assessment activity, and assessment of the effectiveness of management oversight at PBAPS.

The NRC found the change to a new engineering modification process was well planned, good engineering performance was demonstrated in modification-related activities and technical issue resolution, and good performance was evident in implementing temporary plant alteration processes. Engineering response to recent events was good, engineering self-assessment was found to be comprehensive and effective, and steady reduction in backlogged engineering work indicated that PBAPS has developed an effective process for managing the engineering workload. Management oversight of engineering activity at PBAPS contributed to good engineering performance.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations or deviations were observed.

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No reply to this letter is requested. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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