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Philadelphia Electric Company
Correspondence Control Desk
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-277/91-34; 50-278/91-34

This letter transmits the findings of the routine resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. J. Lyash and L. E. Myers, Ms M. G. Evans and others from December 14, 1991, through January 20, 1992, at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Delta, Pennsylvania. The inspectors based these findings on observation of activities, interviews and document reviews, and discussed them with Mr. K. P. Powers of your staff.

The inspectors observed that your preparations for and conduct of activities in support of the Unit 3 startup were cautious and thorough. Oversight of testing, and staff knowledge and use of procedures were strong. You have made significant progress in investigating the causes for the previously identified degradation of automatic depressurization system components. We found your investigation activities with respect to that issue to be well organized, thorough and in-depth. However, as discussed during our January 17, 1992, Enforcement Conference, we are concerned with the program and performance weaknesses that contributed to that event, and request that you continue your efforts to evaluate and resolve them.

No violations were identified during the inspection period. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Original Signed by
A. Randy Blough

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Enclosure:
NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report 50-277/91-34; 50-278/91-34

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