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SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-277/95-19 AND 50-278/95-19

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter transmits the findings of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. L. Schmidt, F. P. Bonnett, and R. K. Lorson, from August 13, 1995, through September 16, 1995, 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. G. Edwards of your staff.

Your staff operated both units safely and demonstrated excellent performance in the operations, maintenance, and engineering areas. Operators demonstrated superior awareness of plant conditions and responded well to several transients and equipment problems at both units. Of particular note was a partial loss of offsite power caused by poor offsite maintenance practices, while removing an electrical junction box. Surveillance testing properly identified and allowed the correction of problems. Maintenance and engineering personnel controlled the on-line replacement of three Unit 3 safety-related batteries excellently. The process maintained the batteries operable at all times and the preparation, controls, and testing on this installation were acceptable and in accordance with current industry and NRC guidance.

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,

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