

October 20, 1995

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SUBJECT: HOPE CREEK RESIDENT INSPECTION NO. 50-354/95-16

Dear Mr. Eliason:

The enclosed report documents an inspection for public health and safety, conducted by Mr. R. Summers, Senior Resident Inspector and other members of the NRC resident and regional staff at the Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station for the period between August 12, 1995 and September 23, 1995. The inspectors discussed the findings of this inspection with Mr. M. Reddemann of your staff.

The inspectors observed a number of performance improvements during this period, especially regarding operations communications and self-assessment activities, such as the Nuclear Review Board. In contrast, we noted an increasing trend in corrective maintenance backlog and the poor reliability of radioactive waste equipment and its attendant monitoring instrumentation.

Within the scope of this inspection, the inspectors did not find any violations. No reply to this letter is required. 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.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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