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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-325/91-37 AND 50-324/91-37

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Brunswick facility. The facility was evaluated for the period October 1, 1990 through November 2, 1991. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Initial SALP Report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Brunswick Visitor's Center on January 23, 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

The performance of your Brunswick facility was evaluated in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance/surveillance, emergency preparedness, security, engineering/technical support, and safety assessment/quality verification. Management attention to previous concerns in operations, radiological controls and engineering/technical support has resulted in significant improvements in these areas.

Although the assessment indicates that improvements have been made in those areas identified by NRC as concerns, it also indicates the CP&L organization is not effective in identifying problems via self-assessment nor is it proactive in correcting internally identified problems. The continuing repetitive problems experienced with work control and procedural adherence are indicative of this.

In addition to self-assessment, maintenance is also a major concern--it is identified as a problem in several of the functional areas. Equipment failures, personnel errors, and failure to follow procedures (many related to the maintenance function) have contributed to several reactor scrams, forced outages and NRC enforcement actions.

The gains achieved in operations, radiological controls and engineering/technical support are offset by the declining performance in maintenance, security and safety assessment/quality verification. Clearly, this inconsistent performance warrants the attention of both senior level management at the corporate level and at all levels at the Brunswick site.

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Comments concerning our evaluation of the performance of your Brunswick facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. In particular, we request that you address each of the functional areas rated as Category 3 describing planned corrective actions to achieve improved performance. These comments will be considered in the development of the Final SALP Report. Your comments and a summary of our meeting will be issued with the Final SALP Report.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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