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SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-277/95-22 AND 50-278/95-22

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter transmits the findings of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. W. L. Schmidt, F. P. Bonnett, R. K. Lorson, and others from September 17, 1995, through October 14, 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.

Overall your staff operated both units safely over the period. The Unit 3 refueling outage, which began on September 22, was well planned, controlled and managed in a professional manner. Operators responded well to two unexpected plant transient events and performed the Unit 3 shutdown well. Good performance was observed during the loss of off-site power test and during Unit 3 safety-related battery testing. The corrective maintenance activities on the Unit 3A low pressure coolant injection outboard injection valve were planned and performed well. Management demonstrated a good safety perspective by inspecting the torus proper as a precautionary measure. Engineering performed during the Unit 3 core shroud inspection and during the core spray downcomer piping inspection and repair. Your health physics organization and radiation workers demonstrated excellent performance during the Unit 3 refueling outage.

Notwithstanding the otherwise excellent performance, one minor performance issue was noted during the period. Specifically, a plant operations committee reviewed and approved licensing submittal contained insufficient engineering justification to relax commitments previously made regarding inspection of the core spray downcomer piping.

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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