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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
ATTN: Mr. William D. Harrington
Senior Vice President, Nuclear
800 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02199

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-293/84-17

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. Johnson of this office on June 5, 1984 - July 16, 1984 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-35 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Johnson with Mr. C. Mathis and other members of your staff periodically during the inspection and at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified. However, several boxes containing licensed material were identified during the inspection which were not labeled with sufficient information to permit individuals handling or using the boxes to take precautions to avoid or minimize exposures. While your staff stated that the boxes were attended as required by 10 CFR 20.203(f), your procedures and radiation work permits in effect between February and May, 1984 did not require that the boxes be labeled or attended. This may be a weakness in your radiological controls program which contributed to the violations identified in NRC Inspection No. 50-293/84-03. Your staff took prompt action to label the boxes and modify your procedures after the problem was identified. We will review the adequacy of these corrective actions during future inspections of your program.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room unless you notify this office, by telephone, within ten days of the date of this letter and submit written application to withhold information contained therein within thirty days of the date of this letter. Such application must be consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.790(b)(1). The telephone notification of your intent to request withholding, or any request for an extension of the 10-day period which you believe necessary, should be made to the Supervisor, Files, Mail and Records, USNRC Region I, at (215) 337-5223.

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No reply to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*original signed by
H. B. Kister for*

Richard W. Starostecki,
Director, Division of Project
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Enclosure:

NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/84-17

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