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Dear Mr. Smith:

SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-277/92-07 AND 50-278/92-07

This letter transmits the findings of the resident safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. J. Lyash and L. E. Myers, and Ms. M. G. Evans from February 25 through March 30 1992, 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. K. P. Powers of your staff.

Your staff responded promptly and effectively to the events and issues occurring during the period. The monitoring and analysis of deviations in Unit 2 reactor water level indications were particularly good. However, we encourage you to continue your efforts to resolve this issue. In addition, weaknesses observed in the control of troubleshooting activities and in scheduling some Inservice Testing (IST) warrant your attention.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities related to performance of pump IST appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). Three examples of failure to test pumps in the "Alert" range on an increased frequency were identified. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence.

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Sincerely,

A. Randolph Blough, Chief  
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Enclosure:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report 50-277/92-07; 50-278/92-07

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