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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-456/95015;50-457/95015

Dear Mr. Kaup:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. C. Phillips, S. Ray, E. Duncan, M. Kunowski, J. Cameron, Z. Falevits, and J. Lennartz of this office and J. Roman and T. Esper of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety on October 1 through November 14, 1995. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Braidwood facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation. The violation is of concern because the failure to adequately control foreign material can result in damage to components in the reactor coolant system, including the fuel.

Certain other activities, set forth in the enclosure to this letter, appear to be a deviation from commitments which you have made in previous correspondence with the Commission. A written response is required.

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. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

Also, during this inspection, additional activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. However, as described in the enclosed inspection report, you identified these violations. These violations will not be subject to enforcement action because your efforts in identifying and

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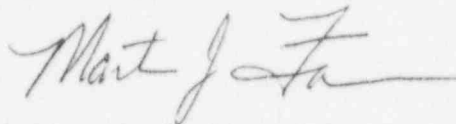
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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your response to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Farber, Chief
Reactor Projects Branch 4

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