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Pennsylvania Power & Light Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP)

This refers to the SALP report for the period February 1, 1983, through January 31, 1984, for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station.

Our evaluation of PP&L performance on completion of construction and startup testing of Unit 2 shows that it was outstanding. Senior management involvement was evident in the careful planning, strong control of contractors and prompt attention to problems during construction; and this, in turn, led to smooth licensing and startup of Unit 2.

With regard to Unit 1, we judge that your performance was satisfactory and was aimed at safe operation of the plant. Senior management awareness and involvement in plant activities is, once again, a strong point in PP&L performance. We do, however, have some concerns about adherence to procedures, prompt identification and correction of off-normal plant conditions, and control of system lineups. These concerns were highlighted by the events surrounding the startup test that resulted in a loss of AC electrical power at Unit 2 on July 26, 1984. These matters warrant special attention by PP&L to search for root causes of operational errors and to ensure that control room communication and transfer of information is clear. Continued strong management oversight and control of activities will be needed at both units to prevent recurrence of these operational problems.

In view of the fact that the SALP report has already been made public and that you have no additional comments to make on its contents, we are not modifying the SALP report but will distribute this letter and your reply to the Public Document Room directly.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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