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SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/95-20 AND
50-412/95-20

Dear Mr. Cross:

This report transmits the findings of all the safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Beaver Valley Power Station from October 10 to November 20, 1995, and the first week of the requalification inspection which began September 25, 1995. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with Mr. G. Thomas and other members of your staff. We are providing one report for all the inspections conducted during this period in order to better integrate our inspection findings into a consistent regulatory message and more clearly communicate how these findings may reflect a change in your performance.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observation of activities important to public health and safety. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Our inspectors found that, overall, the activities observed were effective in assuring the safe operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station. Good root cause analyses and corrective actions were noted during the review and closure of several issues. Your licensed operator requalification program was observed to be effectively implemented. You are continuing to maintain an effective security program. However, controls over substation work were not properly implemented during excavation work at the site switchyard. This is a change from previously observed performance.

Your staff's Safety System Functional Inspection of the safety injection systems appears to have been well planned and conducted in accordance with the plan. Your team exhibited a good questioning attitude and evaluated their findings to determine the causes of observed deficiencies. The response of plant staff to the questions they raised was generally good. Our assessment of the SSFI effort will be completed after the issuance of the final team report.

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No reply to this letter is necessary. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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