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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: INITIAL SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

This forwards the initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report (50-313;368/92-09) for the Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO), Units 1 and 2. The SALP Board met on April 3, 1992, to evaluate ANO's performance for the period December 1, 1990, through February 29, 1992. The performance analyses and resulting evaluations are documented in the enclosed initial SALP report.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board's assessment and concur with their ratings, as discussed below:

1. Performance in the area of Plant Operations was rated as Category 1. Active and aggressive oversight and management of site safety and equipment reliability was exhibited. The nuclear safety aspects of plant operation were conducted in a superior manner and safety decisions were consistently conservative with a high sensitivity to shutdown risk. Operations shift expertise was enhanced and operators maintained excellent plant control.
2. Performance in the area of Radiological Controls was rated as Category 2 with an improving trend. Excellent management involvement and support for the radiation protection program resulted in significantly improved performance. The ALARA program was effective, resulting in reduced personnel exposure. The working relationship between the radiation protection department and other departments improved significantly.
3. Performance in the area of Maintenance/Surveillance was rated as Category 2. Management involvement in the maintenance area and oversight of maintenance activities were generally good while making a

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number of improvements. System engineers provided useful inputs to resolve equipment failures and reliability concerns. Continued effort is needed to improve maintenance procedures and control of maintenance activities. Outage planning improved substantially and maintenance at power was usually well planned. Performance in the surveillance area has been superior.

4. Performance in the area of Emergency Preparedness was rated as Category 1 and continued improvement was noted. Excellent management support was evident and emergency response facilities and personnel were maintained in a high state of readiness.
5. Performance in the area of Security was rated as Category 1. Management provided excellent support for the security program, maintaining and improving the program. Staffing and training were strengths.
6. Performance in the area of Engineering/Technical Support was rated as Category 2. Performance improved with a more proactive approach to engineering and technical issues evident. Formation of engineering peer and system engineering groups was viewed as a strength. A significant engineering workload existed but a backlog reduction project was being implemented. ANO was an industry leader in selected technical problem resolution but less aggressive engineering effort was exhibited in licensing submittals for some existing plant issues.
7. Performance in the area of Safety Assessment/Quality Verification was rated as Category 2. Management effectiveness was demonstrated in operability determinations, self assessment, and corrective action programs. Continued implementation of the ANO Business Plan focused site initiatives and measured progress in improvement programs. Plant personnel exhibited a conservative safety attitude. Operability concerns were addressed in an aggressive, conservative manner.

Overall, the performance of ANO was significantly improved during this assessment period. Effective management oversight and involvement were evident in each functional area. Notable improvements were made in the plant operations and radiological controls areas and some improvements were accomplished in every area. Staff qualifications, safety attitudes, and professionalism were strong and improving. Solid programs to control activities were the norm, while some programs were still being upgraded.

Based on the SALP Board's assessment, the length of the SALP period will be approximately 15 months, from March 1, 1992, to May 31, 1993.

A management meeting has been scheduled with you and your staff on May 6, 1992, at your ANO Facility in Russellville, Arkansas, to review the results of the SALP Board. Within 20 days of this management meeting, you may

provide written comments on, and amplification of, as appropriate, the initial SALP report.

Your written comments, a summary of our meeting, and the results of my consideration of your comments will be issued as an appendix to the enclosed initial SALP report and will constitute the final SALP report.

Sincerely,

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