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EA. No. 92-60

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: Enforcement Conference Nos. 50-352/92-13 & 50-353/92-13

An Enforcement Conference was held at the NRC Region I office on April 10, 1992, to discuss the March 25, 1992, incident at Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1, involving an intake of radioactive material by a radiation worker. The incident and the associated apparent violations were discussed in NRC Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-352/92-13 & 50-353/92-13. An Enforcement Conference Report, consisting largely of a copy of your presentation material, is enclosed with this letter, as is a copy of the Notice of Significant Licensee Meeting issued on April 6, 1992.

The Conference, which lasted approximately three hours, was devoted principally to presentations by your staff describing the details of the incident, the immediate corrective actions, the root cause analysis, and the proposed long term corrective actions. There were no disagreements or unresolved items regarding the details of the incident, but the apparent violations, as well as your evaluation of root causes and contributing program weaknesses, remain under review by the NRC staff.

Shortly before the Enforcement Conference, your staff received data suggesting that a substantial intake of alpha-emitting radionuclides by the same radiation worker had occurred, in addition to the already known intake of beta/gamma emitters. Since the details of this intake were not available at the time of the Conference, the NRC decided to postpone discussion of the intake until a future date. These discussions are expected to be either in the context of a second meeting with your staff, or during an NRC inspection at Limerick Generating Station.

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Further actions to be taken by the NRC with respect to the apparent violations and weaknesses identified during the NRC inspection, and also as a result of your own assessments, will be subject to separate correspondence or meetings. This also applies to NRC action with respect to the intake of radioactive material, that action being to some extent determined by the magnitude of that intake.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Significant Licensee Meeting
2. NRC Region I Enforcement Conference Report

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