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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-325/92-09, 50-324/92-09

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted by Charles Casto on March 16-27, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Brunswick facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed Inspection Report.

This inspection was an assessment of the area of operations of the facility. The inspection included an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Operations Department in supporting safe plant operations. Emphasis was given to the management and performance of the operators, communications among operations and other support groups, maintenance activities as they related to operations, and material condition of the facility. Several strengths, and a number of barriers preventing improved performance, are discussed in the enclosed report.

Operator performance has improved over the past two years and is a positive contributor to the overall performance of the plant staff. Further improvement is limited by the poor material condition of the plant, ineffective support from other organizational units, and lack of critical self-assessment within the Operations Unit. We direct your attention to these opportunities for improvement.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

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