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Mr. D. M. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-352/92-11 AND 50-353/92-11

This letter transmits the results of the resident safety inspection by Messrs. T. Kenny, L. Scholl and H. Gregg, from March 15, 1992 - April 25, 1992, at the Limerick Generating Station, Limerick, Pennsylvania. The inspection focused on the observation of activities important to ensuring the public health and safety. Reviews of documents and interviews of plant personnel were also performed. The results have been discussed with Mr. J. Doering of your staff.

Due to an error by a maintenance technician in restoring a valve line up following leak rate testing, the reactor cavity was drained approximately six inches. The error was caused by personnel inattention to detail and failure to follow the applicable procedure. This violates NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The actual safety significance of the event was low. However, had the event occurred under different plant conditions it could have resulted in a more severe transient. Because the problems are recurrences of previous similar procedural issues, we believe this area needs increased management attention to ensure that maintenance activities are properly planned and executed.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. In addition, please describe actions you have or will take to address the apparent recurring problems in this area.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

1. Notice Of Violation (Appendix A)
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-352/92-11 & 50-353/92-11

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