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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-293/95-25

Dear Mr. Boulette:

This letter refers to the emergency preparedness full-participation exercise inspection conducted by Mr. J. Lusher and other members of this office on December 12-14, 1995, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-35 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. J. Lusher with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I inspection report, which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Within the scope of this inspection, you had effective procedures in place for activation and utilization of the Emergency Response Organization (ERO) and Emergency Response Facilities (ERFs). Overall, ERO performance during the exercise was good. Two exercise strengths were identified: 1) the performance of the Control Room Operators to identify, assess and perform mitigating actions; and 2) the comprehensiveness of the critique, in particular, the prompt identification, prioritization, and assignment of responsibility for correcting noted deficiencies. However, two exercise weaknesses were also identified: 1) untimely dispatch of early damage control teams from the operational support center; and 2) the incomplete utilization of dose assessment program that led to confusion in developing the protective action recommendation at the general emergency.

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No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed and no response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By.

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Docket No. 50-293

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/95-25

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