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Subject: Arkansas Nuclear One - Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-313 & 50-368
License Nos. DPR-51 & N2F-6
Response to the Systematic Assessment
of License, Performance Report
(Inspection Report 50-313: 368/92-99)

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter of April 27, 1992 transmitted the Initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) report for Entergy Operations, Inc., Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) for the period December 1, 1990 through February 29, 1992. On May 6, 1992, during a public meeting, you formally presented the SALP results. This letter constitutes ANO's written comments on the subject report.

ANO concurs with the overall conclusion that performance was significantly improved during this assessment period. Notable improvements were made in the plant operations and radiological controls areas, and some improvements were made in each functional area. Also, the SALP report acknowledges strengths in staff qualifications, safety attitudes, and professionalism.

During the next SALP period, management will continue its aggressive efforts to focus on implementation of Business Plan initiatives, effectiveness reviews to ensure that corrective actions have addressed the root cause of deficient areas, and self-assessments to evaluate performance improvements in each SALP functional area. Also, management attention will continue to be directed toward improvements in the maintenance, engineering and technical support areas.

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By letter dated March 14, 1990, Entergy Operations committed to improve the overall performance and level of safety at ANO. The SALP report observations indicate that ANO is on schedule for accomplishing our goals of excellence and world class performance. ANO management will continue to provide solid leadership and empower its site personnel towards a common goal of safety and performance improvements to make ANO an industry leader.

Very truly yours,

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