

February 14, 1996

Mr. Charles W. Mueller
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Dear Mr. Mueller:

On January 17-18, 1996, NRC senior managers met to evaluate the nuclear safety performance of operating reactors, fuel facilities, and other materials licensees. The NRC conducts this meeting semiannually to determine if the safety performance of various licensees exhibits sufficient weaknesses to warrant increased NRC attention. In addition, at this meeting, senior managers identify specific plants that have demonstrated a continued high level of safety performance that deserves formal NRC recognition. At the January 1996 Senior Management Meeting, the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant was identified as having achieved such a level of safety performance and is being recognized as a superior performer.

The NRC acknowledges that, to achieve the level of performance demonstrated by Callaway, there must be management involvement in all phases of plant activities. In addition, the staff must be dedicated, knowledgeable, and fully supportive of plant activities, and a commitment to safety must exist throughout the organization. We commend you and your staff for achieving this high level of safety performance. Your achievement is a positive example to the industry.

The greatest challenge that you now face is to maintain the level of performance and not to rest on past achievements. Continued management involvement and support, and dedicated efforts from your staff to identify and promptly correct problems are necessary for you to continue to meet this difficult challenge.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

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