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SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/95-21 AND
50-412/95-21

Dear Mr. Cross:

This report transmits the findings of all the safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Beaver Valley Power Station from November 21, 1995, to January 1, 1996. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with T. Noonan, G. Thomas, and other members of your staff. We are providing one report for all the inspections conducted during this period in order to better integrate our inspection findings into a consistent regulatory message and more clearly communicate how these findings may reflect a change in your performance.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observation of activities important to public health and safety. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Our inspectors found that, overall, the activities observed were effective in assuring the safe operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station. The excellent response by station personnel to a ruptured rubber expansion joint resulted in the failed joint being quickly diagnosed, isolated, and replaced. Station management demonstrated a strong safety focus throughout this event. Your decision to shut down Unit 1 and replace additional expansion joints was conservative. Also, we found that the overall quality of engineering work is good. Our review of the engineering work backlog did not identify any safety issues which were being overlooked. However, the timeliness of engineering response to issues and the prioritization of issues affecting safety-related equipment, appear to be in need of improvement.

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No reply to this letter is necessary. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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