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Docket No. 50-293

Mr. Roy A. Anderson
Senior Vice President-Nuclear
Boston Edison Company
Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
RFD #1 Rocky Hill Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

Dear Mr. Anderson:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-293/92-04

This refers to the safety inspection conducted by Messrs. J. Macdonald, A. Cerne, and D. Kern, of this office March 17 to May 4, 1992 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Areas relevant to the health and safety of the public examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Inspection Report. The results have been discussed with Mr. E. Kraft and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection period.

Inspection observations continue to indicate safe plant operations as evidenced by the decision to conduct a brief maintenance outage in conjunction with repair of a malfunctioning containment isolation valve.

Investigation of continuing reactor vessel level instrumentation spiking was comprehensive and reflected sound safety perspectives. The root cause analysis team was effectively supported. Troubleshooting was generally well controlled. Notwithstanding, your review of the April 3, 1992 unplanned partial emergency core cooling system logic actuation during testing identified a deficient temporary procedure that had not received effective reviews as required by Technical Specifications. This violation will not be subject to enforcement action because the efforts of your staff in identifying and correcting the violation meet the criteria specified in Section VII.B of the Enforcement Policy.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

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