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Docket Nos. 50-334
50-412
EA 92-085

Mr. J. D. Sieber
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Dear Mr. Sieber:

SUBJECT: BEAVER VALLEY POWER STATION RESIDENT INSPECTION
50-334/92-09 AND 50-412/92-07 (3/15/92 - 4/18/92)

This letter transmits our report of the resident safety inspection by Mr. L. Rossbach and Mr. P. Sena at the Beaver Valley Power Station in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. The reporting period covers from March 15 - April 18, 1992. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observation of activities important to public health and safety. The findings were summarized and discussed with you and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Overall, the units continued to be operated in a safe manner. In particular, your staff showed good sensitivity to changes in reactor coolant inventory and its effects on decay heat removal. Also, good management control and safety perspective were evident in the use of temporary cooling for the Unit 2 spent fuel pool. However, two events occurred that are safety concerns. The first involved the Unit 2 emergency diesel generator sequencing relays which your staff found to be inoperable. The second, as identified by your staff, involved installation of temporary Unit 2 containment penetration seals from which air was found leaking. These two issues, as documented, are apparent violations and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C, as revised February 18, 1992.

An enforcement conference to discuss these matters has been scheduled for May 19, 1992, in the NRC Region 1 office. At the conference, please be prepared to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance, any corrections to the inspection report, corrective actions taken and planned, and other information pertinent to NRC enforcement

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decision. After the enforcement conference, you will be advised by separate correspondence of the result of our deliberations. No response regarding the apparent violations is required at this time.

In addition, you identified an instance of failure to verify the position of a valve in accordance with Technical Specifications. This violation is not being cited because the criteria in Section VII.B of the Enforcement Policy were satisfied. The NRC considers the initiative of looking for, identifying and correcting violations to be positive, and encourages it.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report Nos. 50-334/92- 09 and 50-412/
92-07

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