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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-458/92-25

This refers to the special inspection conducted by Messrs. R. E. Baer, E. J. Ford, and A. D. Gaines of this office on June 29 through July 1 and July 16, 1992. The inspection included a review of an incident that involved two unauthorized mechanical maintenance workers that were found in a very high radiation area. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. These included selected portions of the radiological controls program. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations of activities in progress. The inspection findings are documented in the enclosed inspection report.

During this inspection, an apparent violation of NRC requirements was identified. However, this matter remains under NRC review. Thus, no enforcement action is being taken at this time. The violation, involving a failure to observe very high radiation boundary controls and related requirements, is of concern to NRC, because River Bend Station has a history of violations of this type. In June 1991, NRC assessed a civil penalty (EA 91-059) to emphasize its concern about the recurrence of such violations.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Appendix - NRC Inspection Report
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