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Mr. D. M. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

SUBJECT: COMBINED INSPECTION 50-277/92-13 AND 50-278/92-13

This letter transmits the findings of the Resident Safety Inspection conducted by Messrs. J. J. Lyash and F. P. Bonnett, Ms. M. G. Evans, and others from June 9 through July 27, 1992, at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Delta, Pennsylvania. The inspectors focused their reviews on issues important to safety, and based their findings on observation of activities, interviews and document reviews. The findings were discussed with Mr. K. P. Powers of your staff.

During the inspection period the plant and staff were challenged with several plant transients. In all cases the control room operators handled the immediate response to the transients well. The technical staff and management were effectively involved in identification and follow-up of the related issues. However, the number of transients initiated by non-safety related equipment performance problems indicates that increased attention to monitoring and maintenance in this area may be needed.

Based upon the results of this inspection certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation, for operation of the reactor water cleanup system in a mode not established in approved operating procedures, is of concern because it represents a weakness in your control of operating activities. You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. We noted that you initiated good corrective actions during the period in response to this incident.

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. The response directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

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We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Combined Inspection Report 50-277/92-13 and 50-278/92-13

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