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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-348/92-18, 50-365/92-18)

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Farley facility. The facility's performance was evaluated for the period January 1, 1991, through May 30, 1992, in the functional areas of Plant Operations, Radiological Controls, Maintenance/Surveillance, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed Initial SALP Report which will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Farley facility on August 26, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

The performance of Farley was assessed as being superior in the functional areas of Radiological Controls and Security. Performance in the other functional areas was categorized as good.

Although rated as good, a decline in performance was assessed in the areas of Plant Operations, Maintenance/Surveillance, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification. The number of personnel errors, problems with configuration control, and supervisory oversight, as well as a number of deficiencies in plant equipment condition, contributed to a significant increase in the number of plant transients and were indicative of a decline in performance. The assessment recommends that additional management attention be placed on the weaknesses noted in these three areas.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of performance of your Farley facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting. These comments will be considered in the development of the Final SALP Report. Your comments and a summary of our meeting will be issued as an appendix to the Final SALP Report.

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

Sincerely,

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