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Docket No. 50-193

Mr. T. Tehan  
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Dear Mr. Tehan

Subject: Inspection No. 50-193/92-01

An announced inspection of your reactor operation and safety surveillance programs was conducted by Messrs. Thomas Dragoun and Stephen Holmes of this office, on June 29 through July 1, 1992, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-95. Discussions of our findings were held by Messrs. Dragoun and Holmes with you and other members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection.

Areas reviewed during this inspection are important to public health and safety and are described in the enclosed inspection report. The areas examined included audits and oversight, safety surveillances, maintenance and operational logs and procedures, effluent releases, and the operator requalification program.

Within the scope of this review, we noted that your health physics postings and general housekeeping were significantly improved. However, we also noted difficulties in locating and verifying surveillance records and procedures, which is due in part to your non-standard Technical Specifications. As described in Section 10 of the enclosed inspection report, updating this document through the NRC Non-Power Reactor, Decommissioning, and Environmental Projects Directorate, NRR, to the present American National Standards Institute format and content would further enhance your safety program. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed. No reply to this letter is required.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-193/92-01

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