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Docket Nos. 50-334
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Mr. J.D. Sieber
Vice President
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Dear Mr. Sieber:

**SUBJECT: INITIAL SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE
PERFORMANCE (SALP) REPORT NOS. 50-334/91-99 AND 50-412/91-99**

On July 28, 1992, an NRC SALP Board conducted a review to evaluate the performance of activities associated with the Beaver Valley Power Station, Units 1 and 2. The results of this assessment are documented in the enclosed Initial SALP Report for the period between January 1, 1991, and June 13, 1992. As previously agreed, we will hold a meeting with you and your staff on September 25, 1992, at the Simulator Building onsite to discuss the findings of this report. You should be prepared to discuss this assessment and any plans for performance improvement. In accordance with NRC policy, this meeting will be open for public observation.

During this assessment period, both units continued to be operated in a safe manner. Strong performance with excellent management oversight continued in the areas of operations, emergency preparedness, and security. Significant improvement was noted in the area of radiological controls where previous weaknesses were resolved. Although good support was provided for plant equipment reliability, a decline in performance in the maintenance area was attributed to continuing problems with work procedure quality and implementation. Engineering continued to provide good technical support to the station. However, weaknesses were noted in the thoroughness and documentation of technical issue resolutions and operability determinations which contributed to a lower performance rating in the safety assessment and quality verification area.

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Upon completion of our discussion of this SALP report on September 25, 1992, we request that you provide written comments, including any needed corrections of factual information, within 10 days of the date of the meeting. The enclosed report and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

THOMAS T. MARTIN BY
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Thomas T. Martin
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: Initial Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Report Nos.
50-334/91-99 and 50-412/91-99

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