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SUBJECT: COMBINED NRC INSPECTION NOS. 50-220/96-03 AND 50-410/96-03

Dear Mr. Sylvia:

This letter refers to the Safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. R. J. Albert of this office on January 16-19, 1996, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-63 and NPF-69 at the Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Albert with Mr. H. Christensen and other members of your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, you had effective programs in place for protection of public health and safety. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed. However, some minor problems relative to assessment-aid capabilities, as discussed in section 5.0 of the enclosed report, warrant attention to avoid problems in the future.

Two potential weaknesses identified during the previous safeguards inspection were reviewed during this inspection. The one relative to fitness-for-duty program record retention was appropriately addressed and corrected, and the other, relative to access control of vehicles and as discussed in section 3.2 of the enclosed report, will be addressed, as committed to by Mr. Christensen in a telephone conversation on January 25, 1996.

Portions of the enclosed report contain security program details exempt from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 73.21 (Safeguards Information). Those portions will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution. This letter and the rest of the report will be placed in the Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a).

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No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410

Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report Nos. 50-220/96-03 and 50-410/96-03
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