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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-461/95015 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Connell:

This refers to the inspection conducted on December 19, 1995, through February 5, 1996, at the Clinton Facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities in progress, and interviews with personnel.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding it are described in detail in the subject inspection report.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, and the date when full compliance was achieved is already adequately addressed within the attached inspection report (95015). Therefore, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

Personnel errors were identified as an issue during your Spring 1995 refueling outage. Your continued efforts to address this concern has reduced the overall number of significant errors although errors have continued to occur. Your efforts in documenting personnel errors has been excellent and at a low threshold. Following a recent personnel error in safety tagging, you reviewed this documentation and identified a longstanding adverse trend regarding this issue. However, it appears that this trend could have been recognized more

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quickly based on our review of documented safety tagging problems. We encourage you to determine why the safety tagging problem was not identified earlier and to continue to address the overall problem of personnel errors.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by B. Clayton

Brent Clayton, Chief
Reactor Projects, Branch 5

Docket No. 50-461
License No. NPF-62

Enclosure:
1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report
No. 50-461/95015(DRP)

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you to determine why the CR review process did not identify the safety tagging adverse trend sooner and failed to resolve both the personnel error and safety tagging problems.

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