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SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/96-02 AND
50-412/96-02

Dear Mr. Cross:

This report transmits the findings of all the safety inspections conducted by NRC inspectors at the Beaver Valley Power Station from January 2 to February 12, 1996. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with T. Noonan, S. Jain, and other members of your staff. We are providing one report for all the inspections conducted during this period in order to better integrate our inspection findings into a consistent regulatory message and more clearly communicate how these findings may reflect a change in your performance.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observation of activities important to public health and safety. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

Our inspectors found that, overall, the activities observed were effective in assuring the safe operation of the Beaver Valley Power Station. We observed good problem identification by your plant staff, including operators identifying the degraded main transformer boot and simulator staff identifying a deficiency in the diesel shutdown sequencing. These issues were also corrected. We also noted good attention to plant issues by plant management, including minimizing control room deficiencies, sensitivity to a degraded chain, assessment of flood conditions, and response to the degraded main transformer boot. Overall, performance in your solid radioactive waste management and transportation of radioactive materials program was considered to be very good.

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No reply to this letter is necessary. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 50-334; 50-412

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2. January 22, 1996, Meeting Handouts

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