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SUBJECT: SEABROOK STATION INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROCESS
INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-443/96-80 - ONSITE INSPECTION
ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

During the period February 5-16, 1996, an assessment team under the direction of Mr. E. Harold Gray and composed of members from NRC Region I, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR/DRP), the Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, and NRC Region IV, performed an onsite assessment of performance at the Seabrook Station. The onsite performance based inspection followed the in-office assessment of January 2-11, 1996. The onsite inspection and assessment was conducted using Inspection Procedure 93808, "Integrated Performance Assessment Process (IPAP)." Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements.

On the basis of docketed information and the information submitted by your staff in response to our request dated December 1, 1995, and findings of the onsite inspection, the IPAP team concluded that the Seabrook Station has significant strengths in the areas of plant operations, maintenance, engineering, security, radiological controls and emergency planning. The team identified a few weaknesses or negative observations that are presented for your review and corrective action as appropriate. The weaknesses include the effectiveness of plant system walkdowns to confirm present conditions including the status of deficient conditions and deficiency tags. A potential violation was identified in the security area regarding access of badged individuals that had not been under the observation program for more than 30 days as discussed in part 5.2.2 of the inspection report. The potential violation will be disposed under separate correspondence. A summary of the assessment findings is contained in the attached inspection report (Enclosure 1), which includes a performance assessment/inspection planning tree.

Enclosure 2 provides the schedule of NRC inspections of your facility planned for the next year. We will inform you of any changes in the content of the plan or any significant changes in the expected dates of these inspections. The routine resident inspector effort is not included in this schedule.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Richard W. Cooper, II, Director
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Docket No. 50-443

Enclosures: 1. NRC Inspection Report No. 50-443/95-15
2. Planned NRC Inspections at Seabrook

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