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Mr. T. Tehan, Director
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Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-193/96-01

Dear Mr. Tehan:

On March 15, 1996, the NRC completed a one week safety inspection at the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center research reactor. The enclosed report represents the results of that inspection.

No noncompliances or significant issues were identified. The oversight and control of reactor systems changes and efforts to identify the source of pool leakage demonstrated good attention to safety. Staff actions relative to low-level floor contamination found during confinement cleanup were appropriate.

The report contains three action items that require your attention. No response to this letter is required.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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