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Mississippi Power and Light Company
ATTN: Mr. J. B. Richard
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Jackson, MS 39205

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed its periodic evaluation of the performance of your Grand Gulf facility. As you are aware, this evaluation program, the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP), involved an NRC staff assessment of facility performance for the period September 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983 and the issuance of the staff's findings to you and the public in the form of a final report, the SALP Board Assessment dated January 11, 1984. A meeting was held with senior staff of your utility on January 19, 1984, in your offices in Jackson, Mississippi (Enclosure 1), to present and discuss the Board Assessment. Members of the public were also in attendance at this meeting. You responded to the Board Assessment in a letter dated February 8, 1984 (Enclosure 2). The purpose of my current letter is to address certain issues you raised in your response.

As we discussed at the January 19, 1984 meeting, the overall performance of your Grand Gulf facility was acceptable; however, resources appeared to be strained or not effectively used such that only minimally satisfactory performance with respect to operational safety was achieved. Your February 8, 1984 response to the SALP Board's assessment questioned certain of the Board's conclusions in the Licensing Actions area. As a result of those questions, I carefully reappraised your performance in the Licensing Actions area. This reappraisal included review of a recently completed reassessment of your performance by the responsible NRC headquarters office. I have concluded from my review that the SALP board's rating of Category 3 was appropriate. As you are aware, the Category 3 rating classifies the conduct of nuclear activities as acceptable; however, the rating represents a staff finding that the functional area is not receiving the proper management attention and that additional involvement by managers is needed.

It has been almost one year since issuance of the SALP Report. In the intervening time period, you have undertaken major efforts to effect programmatic improvements. We acknowledge the measures which you are taking to correct identified weaknesses in the areas of plant operations, maintenance, and surveillance and preoperational testing. We support these efforts and wish to note that you have made noticeable improvements in the safety-related performance of your facility. The results of your actions are being closely monitored and will be addressed in the next SALP assessment. We are confident that these on-going efforts, if properly implemented and maintained, will result in significant improvements.

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Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

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2. Letter from J. P. McGaughy, Mississippi Power and Light Company, to James P. O'Reilly, NRC, dated February 8, 1984

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ENCLOSURE 1

SALP MEETING ATTENDEES

Licensee: Mississippi Power and Light Company

Facility: Grand Gulf 1

Meeting At: Mississippi Power and Light Company Corporate Offices, Jackson,
Mississippi

Date Conducted: January 19, 1984

Licensee Attendees: D. C. Lutken, President
J. B. Richard, Senior Vice President-Nuclear
J. P. McGaughy, Vice President-Nuclear
J. E. Cross, Plant Manager
J. G. Cesare, Manager of Nuclear Licensing
T. E. Reaves, Jr., Manager of Quality Assurance
J. F. Pinto, Manager of Nuclear Plant Engineering
Other Mississippi Power and Light Company staff members

NRC Attendees: J. P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator, Region II
R. C. Lewis, Director, Division of Reactor Projects (DRP),
Region II
J. A. Olshinski, Director, Division of Reactor Safety,
Region II
A. Schwencer, Chief, Licensing Branch 2, Division of
Licensing, NRR
M. V. Sinkule, Chief, Technical Support Staff, DRP, Region II
C. A. Julian, Chief, Project Section 2C, DRP, Region II
A. R. Wagner, Senior Resident Inspector, Grand Gulf
J. Caldwell, Resident Inspector, Grand Gulf
M. D. Houston, Licensing Project Manager, Licensing Branch 2,
Division of Licensing, NRR

Other Attendees: J. E. Maher, Director, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
Other members of the Mississippi State Government
Members of the Public