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Docket Nos. 50-321, 50-366
License Nos. DPR-57, NPF-5

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-361/92-20 AND
50-366/92-20

This refers to the inspection conducted by R. B. Shortridge of this office on August 17-19, 1992. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Plant Hatch facility. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report (Enclosure 1).

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records and interviews with personnel related to repeated events where your door surveillance program has been instrumental in your identification of unlocked and unattended high radiation doors that were required to be maintained locked.

As discussed in a telephone conversation between Dr. B. Mallett and Mr. T. Beckham on August 25, 1992, there were three apparent violations identified during this inspection and one is being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions", 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (57 FR 5791, February 18, 1992).

The NRC is concerned over the number of Locked High Radiation Area Doors being left open and unattended. High Radiation Area Door 1R-32 is of specific concern since this door has been found unlocked six times since May 23, 1990. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review. We recognize that you identified these doors as unlocked via a surveillance program, but it appears your corrective actions to date have not halted the findings of a particular unlocked door.

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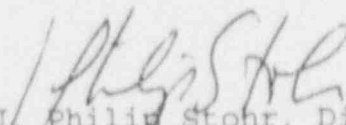
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An Enforcement Conference to discuss this apparent repeat violation has been scheduled for September 16, 1992, at 1:30 p.m. at the Region II office in Atlanta, Georgia. This enforcement conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's trial program as discussed in the enclosed Federal Register Notice (Enclosure 2). The purpose of this conference is to discuss the apparent violation, its cause and safety significance; to provide you the opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective action; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No written response regarding this apparent violation is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures:

1. NRC Inspection Report
92-20
2. Federal Register Notice

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