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Regional Administrator, Region I
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Attention: Mr. Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs

Gentlemen:

LICENSEE COMMENTS
SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)
SALEM GENERATING STATION
NO. 1 AND 2 UNITS
DOCKET NOS. 50-272 AND 50-311

We have reviewed the October 1983 to August 1984 SALP report transmitted by your letter of November 5, 1984 and participated in the SALP meeting held on November 15, 1984. While we note that an improving trend has been identified in the areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance and surveillance, we are not satisfied with the degree or speed of progress. In addition, we are particularly troubled by the recent decline in fire protection and emergency preparedness. These areas, as well as plant operations, will be vigorously pursued and given particular attention.

While there may be some disagreement concerning the details of some aspects of the report, we agree with the overall assessment. The findings of the report will be given the highest priority. It is our intention to expeditiously take the steps necessary to improve our performance in all areas.

As you are aware, we have made significant progress in the development and implementation of a number of programs targeted to improve our performance in many areas. Now having the benefit of the SALP Board's findings in their recent report, we have initiated a review of these programs and our internal performance monitoring activities to assure that these programs will yield

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the most timely and satisfactory results. Corrective actions in terms of additional programs (interim and permanent), or adjustments to existing programs, will be taken to assure that our performance improves significantly during the next appraisal period.



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Senior Resident Inspector