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Mr. E. Watzl, Vice President
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-263/96002(DRP)

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

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M. J. Jordan, Chief
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