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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-267/96-02 (NOTICE OF VIOLATION)

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 18-21, 1996 by Mr. L. C. Carson II of this office. NRC project management staff from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards and management from this office accompanied our inspector who are identified in the enclosed report.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by the license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the enclosed report.

Areas examined during the inspection are identified in the report. The inspection included a review of the final survey program and followup of previously identified technical issues. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observation of activities in progress.

Based on the results of this inspection, certain of your activities appeared to be in violation of NRC requirements. A violation involving several examples of failure to adhere to the Decommissioning Plan's quality assurance procedures is documented in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because it indicates a lack of management oversight and attention to detail by your quality assurance staff who set the example for other plant personnel regarding the proper implementation of procedures.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions you plan to prevent recurrence. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure(s), and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96.511.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

*Charles L. Cain*

for Ross A. Scarano, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report 50-267/96-02

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