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Dear Mr. Smith:

Subject: INITIAL SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(SALP) REPORT NUMBER 50-277/91-99; 50-278/91-99

An NRC SALP Board, conducted on December 4, 1992, reviewed and evaluated the performance of activities at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station for the period of August 4, 1991, through October 31, 1992. The enclosed Initial SALP Report documents the results of this assessment. As previously agreed, we will hold a meeting with you and your staff on January 20, 1993, at the Peach Bottom Conference Center to discuss the findings of this evaluation.

During this assessment period, both units continued to be operated in a safe manner. This SALP noted stronger performance in most of the functional areas. Performance in the Emergency Preparedness and Security areas continued to be excellent. Improvements in Radiological Controls was evidenced by an improving trend in that area. Improvements were also observed in the Operations area.

This assessment also highlighted several areas needing improvement. Increased management attention is needed to address weaknesses in the maintenance and performance monitoring area. These weaknesses contributed to equipment performance problems that resulted in unnecessary challenges to the plant staff and plant transients. Further, continued emphasis on improving the quality and timeliness of corrective actions is warranted.

At the SALP meeting you should be prepared to discuss our assessment, and your plans to improve performance. The meeting is intended to be a candid dialogue wherein any comments you have, regarding our report, are discussed. Additionally, you may provide written comments within 20 days after the meeting. In accordance with NRC policy, this meeting will be open for public observation.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Thomas T. Martin

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Regional Administrator

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