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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-445/96-16; 50-446/96-16

Dear Mr. Terry:

On December 21, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations and sound engineering and maintenance practices. We are concerned, however, with the operations findings within Sections 01 and 05 of the enclosed report which reflect operator inattentiveness, potential supervisory oversight weaknesses, and inadequate self-verification. Since a number of these issues involve newly qualified reactor operators, we are concerned that the errors may reflect operator training weaknesses and we plan to monitor the effectiveness of your corrective actions to prevent these operator performance issues from recurring.

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 (PDR).

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

Sincerely,

fr J. E. Dyer, Director
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Enclosure:
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