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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP),
LIMERICK GENERATING STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, REPORT NOS.
50-352/97-99 AND 50-353/97-99

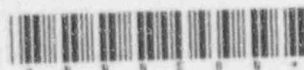
Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter forwards the SALP report for the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Units 1 and 2 for the period of April 2, 1995, to March 29, 1997 (Enclosure 1). This assessment was conducted under the SALP process that was implemented by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in July 1993. In this process, the NRC rates the performance of licensees in four functional areas: Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support. The Plant Support area comprises radiological and effluent controls, chemistry, security, emergency preparedness, fire protection, and housekeeping.

The overall performance of the Limerick Generating Station remained excellent. Strong management involvement and conservative decision making were exhibited in day-to-day activities. Self-assessment and quality assurance activities continued to be effective. The Performance Enhancement Process continued to be an effective program for identifying, evaluating and correcting issues with appropriate thresholds and priorities. Oversight and independent review committees contributed to the corrective actions program effectiveness.

The areas of plant Operations and Maintenance were rated Category 1 as a result of effective programs and procedures, excellent personnel performance, strong management oversight and support, and very good planning and work control. Additionally, equipment work backlogs were well managed and material condition of the plant was good overall. The Plant Support area was also rated Category 1. While there were some problems in fire protection, strengths were noted in radiation protection, emergency planning and security. The area of Engineering was rated Category 2. While strengths were noted in design, analysis and modifications, earlier engineering intervention could have prevented equipment problems that challenged the plant and resulted in a number of plant trips and forced shutdowns. Management recognized this performance weakness and initiated remedial actions.

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We have scheduled a management meeting with you at 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 1997, at the Limerick Site Training Building. The meeting will be open to public observation. At the meeting, you should be prepared to discuss our assessment and any initiatives you have ongoing or planned to address the issues identified in our assessment.

Enclosure 2 provides the schedule and basis for the NRC inspections of your facilities planned for the next year. We will inform you of any changes required to the attached inspection schedule. The routine resident inspection effort is not included in this schedule.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Hubert J. Miller
Regional Administrator

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