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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
ATTN: Mr. Ralph G. Bird
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection Report No. 50-293/87-45

This refers to the routine safety inspection (50-293/87-45) conducted by Mr. J. Lyash and Mr. T. Kim of this office on September 15 to October 26, 1987 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that some of your activities related to conduct of control room personnel and implementation of the Quality Assurance program were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation enclosed herewith as Appendix A. These violations have been categorized by severity level in accordance with the General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions, 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy 1987). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

These violations combined with other documented observations indicate that instances of personnel inattention to detail, inappropriate attitude, and limited or ineffective corrective actions continue to hamper the effectiveness of your improvement programs. Of particular concern is the discovery of potentially distracting materials in the control room operators' work area. In addition to the response required by Appendix A, your prompt attention in determining the scope and significance of this incident is requested.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

William Kane, Director
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report No. 50-293/87-45

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