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November 10, 1994

Centerior Service Company  
ATTN: Mr. John P. Stetz  
Vice President - Nuclear  
Davis-Besse  
c/o Toledo Edison Company  
300 Madison Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43652

Dear Mr. Stetz:

SUBJECT: ROUTINE RESIDENT INSPECTION AT DAVIS-BESSE (50-346/94011(DRP))

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. S. Stasek, J. Shine, D. Kosloff, and D. Shepard of this office on September 14, 1994, through October 25, 1994. The inspection included a review of activities authorized for your Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. 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. 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, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violation is of concern because it involved weaknesses associated with foreign material exclusion (FME) controls for the reactor cavity/refuel canal area. Since similar FME weaknesses were previously identified associated with the spent fuel pool (reference NRC inspection report 50-346/94006), we conclude your followup actions to that earlier incident were not sufficiently effective to prevent the subject violation from occurring. The NRC is concerned that the potential consequences to plant safety of inadequately implemented FME controls is not fully recognized by many personnel at Davis-Besse.

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. 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.

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, the enclosures, and your responses to this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by R. D. Lanksbury*

Roger D. Lanksbury, Chief  
Reactor Projects Section 3B

Docket No. 50-346

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report  
No. 50-346/94011(DRP)

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