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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-382/97-11 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Dugger:

An NRC inspection was conducted May 18 through June 28, 1997, at your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at Waterford 3 was generally characterized by good performance of operations, maintenance, engineering and plant support. However, a violation of NRC requirements was identified.

The violation is of concern because it involved an inadequate tagout which contributed to a spill of approximately 5000 gallons of radioactive water from the spent fuel pool. In addition, we are concerned that the control room operators exercised poor judgment by not promptly and adequately addressing the spent fuel pool high-level alarm.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

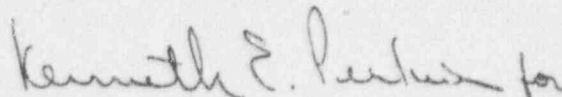
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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Gwynn, Director  
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report  
50-382/97-11

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