

July 22, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-293/97-03 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Boulette:

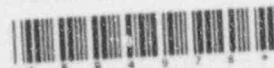
On June 24, 1997 the NRC completed an inspection at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 8 weeks covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Pilgrim facility was generally characterized by safe plant operations. The emergency preparedness (EP) program and latest initiatives were inspected. The inspection consisted of selective reviews of procedures and records and interviews with licensee personnel. No safety concerns or violations were identified. The program was found to be directed toward public health and safety. Of particular note was the generally smooth transition in the transfer of the offsite reception center from the South Weymouth naval air station to the Braintree high school. A solid radwaste/transportation program inspection was also conducted. Shipping activities met the new regulatory requirements; however, the quality assurance oversight of the radwaste/transportation program area was considered very weak.

Based on the results of this inspection, we identified one violation of NRC requirements when a station services worker tied open the boiler room door which forms part of the radiological controlled area boundary. 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. Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include and personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguarded information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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Your continued cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard Conte, Chief
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Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report 50-293/97-03
3. BECo Presentation Material From June 5, 1997 Onsite Meeting

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