

September 3, 1998

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-346/98011(DRS)

Dear Mr. Wood:

On August 14, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection of effectiveness of controls in identifying, resolving, and preventing problems at your facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Areas examined during the inspection included the corrective action program, the operational experience feedback program, the audit program, and safety review committees. In addition, recent safety screenings and safety evaluations were reviewed. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations of activities, observations of equipment material condition, and interviews with personnel.

The team concluded that the corrective action program at Davis Besse was effective. Problem identification was at an appropriate low threshold, root cause evaluations were thorough, and effective corrective actions were implemented. In addition, the corrective action program was well supported by both management and staff. The team noted that the site staff had identified weaknesses within the corrective action program and were changing the program to address those issues. Safety screenings and safety evaluations were considered good.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that no violations of NRC requirements occurred.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,
Original /s/ J. A. Grobe

John A. Grobe, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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