

September 8, 1998

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SUBJECT: NRC ROUTINE SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 50-440/98015(DRS)

Dear Mr. Myers:

On July 31, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to physical security and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel and observation of activities in progress. Specifically, the inspection focused on the status of security facilities and equipment, security and safeguards procedures and documentation, and quality assurance in security and safeguards activities. In addition, the inspection reviewed a Fitness For Duty reported event concerning a licensed senior reactor operator who tested positive for alcohol during a for-cause test.

Security systems were tested and maintained as required in the security plan and self assessments of the security program were thorough resulting in good findings and recommendations. Also, compensatory actions in response to security equipment damaged during a severe storm were promptly implemented.

Fitness for duty activities were reviewed and one violation of NRC requirements was identified, as specified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). This violation concerned the failure to conduct the drug portion of a for cause test based on the odor of alcohol in a timely manner. The drug test was conducted four days after the for cause test was required. We also identified four other instances over the past two years. We found that your procedure addressing for cause testing during back shifts and weekends to be inadequate.

The NRC has concluded that information regarding the reason for the violation, the corrective actions taken, and planned to correct the violation and prevent recurrence, is already adequately addressed in the subject inspection report. Therefore, you are not required to respond to this violation unless the description of the problem as described in the inspection report does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or position. In that case, or if you choose to provide additional information, you should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Grobe

John A Grobe, Director  
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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation  
2. Inspection Report 50-44/98015(DRS)

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