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Gentlemen:

This forwards the report of the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2. The SALP Board met on August 16, 1988, to evaluate ANO performance for the period of January 1, 1987, through June 30, 1988. The performance analyses and resulting evaluations are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. Since this assessment was conducted in accordance with the recently revised NRC Manual Chapter 0516 with restructured functional areas, direct comparison of some of the performance ratings in this report with those in past SALP reports is not appropriate. However, while some apparent weaknesses were identified, it is my view that the overall performance at ANO has continued on an improving trend. The following specific areas merit highlighting:

1. The ratings in the functional areas of Plant Operations and Radiological Controls continued the Category 1 performance from the previous SALP period. This indicates strong individual performance as well as effective management involvement in these areas.
2. The rating in the functional area of Emergency Preparedness improved to a Category 1 from a previous Category 2 rating. Increased management involvement has been effective in this area.
3. The rating in the functional area of security improved to a Category 2 from a previous Category 3 rating. Management attention, initiatives, and involvement with security matters has improved, and I encourage continued emphasis on this area.
4. The remaining three functional areas of Maintenance/Surveillance, Engineering/Technical Support, and Safety Assessment/Quality Verification all received a Category 2 rating. A common theme through these areas was weaknesses in root cause evaluations, narrow corrective actions, and ineffective communications between maintenance and engineering. During

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the SALP period, program changes were implemented in these areas and you are encouraged to monitor and assess the effectiveness of these changes during the present SALP period.

5. A decline in the timeliness and quality of licensee submittals in response to NRC initiatives and for license amendments was noted during this SALP period. Significant improvement is needed in this area.

A management meeting is scheduled with you and your staff on October 21, 1988, to review the results of this SALP report. Within 30 days of this management meeting, you are requested to comment, in writing, to this office for all areas which received a SALP Category 2 rating.

Comments which you submit are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

A copy of your written comments will be included in the final distribution of the SALP report.

Sincerely,

/s/ by Robert D. Martin

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SALP Board Report 50-313/87-41
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