

October 7, 1998

Mr. Leon J. Olivier
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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT 50-293/98-07 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Olivier:

On September 6, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. The inspection report also discusses an NRC review of the control room ventilation system that was performed outside the inspection period.

During the six weeks covered by this inspection period, the conduct of activities at the Pilgrim facility was characterized by safe plant operations. Operator performance during a number of power changes to correct condenser fouling conditions was noteworthy.

As a result of this inspection one violation, involving deficiencies in the control room ventilation system, was identified. Specifically, as-built system design deficiencies were identified and operational procedures and the design analyses were inconsistent. These deficiencies are described in the enclosed Notice of Violation included as Enclosure 1. Your corrective actions provided in Licensee Event Reports (LERs) 50-293/98-08 and 98-16, and described in this report, were prompt and thorough. Accordingly, you are not required to respond to this letter unless the description contained therein does not accurately reflect your corrective actions or your 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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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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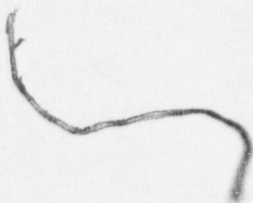
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- Enclosures:
1. Notice of Violation
 2. Inspection Report 50-293/98-07
 3. Attachment 1
 4. Attachment 2

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