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Gentlemen:

This refers to the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board Report for Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3. The SALP Board met on February 27, 1986, to evaluate the performance of your facility for the period December 18, 1984, to December 31, 1985. The performance analyses and resulting evaluations are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report.

The performance of your facility was evaluated in the selected functional areas identified in Section IV of the enclosed SALP Board Report. Caution should be exercised when comparing performance for the current SALP period with the previous SALP period. Plant activities have changed from principally construction and preoperational testing to startup testing and operations. These changes in the focus of facility activities make direct comparison of performance in functional areas difficult.

Overall, we find that your performance of licensed activities generally is acceptable and directed toward safe facility operation. Particular strength was noted in the areas of Preoperational/Startup Testing, Security and Safeguards, and Surveillance. In addition, an improvement was noted in Emergency Preparedness. A decrease in overall performance was noted in the area of Quality Programs and Administrative Controls Affecting Quality, which declined from a Category 1 to a Category 2, and Plant Operations, which declined from a Category 2 to a Category 3. Maintenance was again rated Category 3 based on the NRC findings that indicate that your maintenance program has not been properly implemented due to weaknesses in procedural development and implementation. It was noted that, at the end of the rating period, performance appeared to be improving in the maintenance area.

The board discussed at length whether the operations area should be Category 2 or Category 3 before concluding the appropriate description was Category 3. This decision was based on the frequency of reactor trips and LERs involving human error and limited corrective actions that did not appear to adequately identify root causes to operational problems. You should direct specific attention to the Board's recommendations in this area.

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During a telephone conference with you on March 17, 1986, a management meeting was scheduled for April 1, 1986 to discuss the SALP Board Report. We request that you provide a written response within 30 days after our meeting addressing your plans to improve performance in the areas of Plant Operations and Maintenance.

Comments which you may 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Robert D. Martin

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Enclosures:

Appendix - NRC SALP Board Report 50-382/85-30
Attachment 1 - NRR Supplement

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