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SUBJECT: NRC-EVALUATED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE - INSPECTION
REPORT NO. 50-334 & 412/98-07

Dear Mr. Cross:

The enclosed report documents an inspection for public health and safety, led by Mr. D. Silk at Shippingport, Pennsylvania. The inspection evaluated the performance of your emergency response organization (ERO) during the October 6, 1998, Beaver Valley Power Station full-participation exercise. The inspectors discussed the findings of this inspection with your staff on October 7, 1998.

Based on the results of this inspection, it was determined that the overall performance of the ERO was good and demonstrated, with reasonable assurance, that onsite emergency plans are adequate and that your organization is capable of implementing them. Simulated events were accurately diagnosed, emergency declarations were timely and accurate, offsite agencies were notified in a timely manner and protective action recommendations were appropriate. Some minor communication issues were observed in the operations support center and the radiological operations center, and minor issues were observed in the dose assessment area; however, the performance of the ERO was good overall. Your post-exercise critique process was assessed as good as your staff was appropriately self-critical.

No violations of NRC requirements or exercise weaknesses were identified. No response to this letter is required.

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

Sincerely,

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