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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/99-02,
50-412/99-02

Dear Mr. Cross:

This refers to the inspection conducted from March 21 to May 1, 1999, at the Beaver Valley Power Station facility. The enclosed report represents the results of this inspection.

During the 6-week inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Beaver Valley Power Station facility was characterized by safe conduct of activities, especially during the Unit 2 refueling outage and the Unit 1 surveillance outage. Your staff's human performance improved as compared to the 1998 extended outages. This improvement was attributed to the strong response to lower safety significant problems at the beginning of the Unit 2 outage and initiatives such as the one-stop-shop outage work management concept. Surveillance procedure deficiencies continue to challenge your operating staff. However, surveillance testing and maintenance activities were generally performed well, in part, due to strong preevolution briefings. Emergent issues were properly addressed with good root-cause assessment by system engineers and maintenance personnel.

The radiation protection program was effective during the Unit 2 refueling outage. Enhanced informational postings, especially in the containment, aided in maintaining occupational exposures as low as is reasonably achievable (ALARA). The scope and depth of Quality Services Unit surveillances conducted for the outage, and as part of the annual health physics program audit, were adequate to identify and document program deficiencies.

No reply to this letter is necessary. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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