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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your review, prior to our scheduled meeting on January 4, 1989, is the SALP 7 Board Report for the Quad Cities Nuclear Plant, covering the period April 1, 1987 through September 30, 1988.

In accordance with NRC policy, I have reviewed the SALP Board Assessment and concur with their ratings. It is my view that your conduct of nuclear activities in connection with the Quad Cities facility was acceptable.

Overall, the ratings indicate continued management involvement over licensed activities and a generally conservative operating philosophy as reflected by improvements in plant scrams, personnel errors, and plant appearance. As noted in the SALP Board's overview, however, for much of the assessment period significant problems existed in the functional areas of Maintenance/Surveillance and Engineering/Technical Support. These problems involved many of the SALP criteria: management involvement, staffing, approach to technical issues, response to initiatives, and enforcement history. Strong management attention is warranted on your part to effect improvements in these areas. Highlights of the report are set forth below:

1. The functional areas of Radiological Controls and Security sustained Category 1 ratings consistent with the ratings in these functional areas during the previous assessment period. Repeat Category 1 ratings in Security and Radiological Controls reflect a strong security program and a slightly less strong effort in the area of Radiological Controls.
2. All other functional areas sustained Category 2 ratings consistent with the ratings in these functional areas during the previous assessment period. Engineering/Technical Support is a new functional area and the previously separate Maintenance and Surveillance functional areas have now been combined. Also, the new functional area of Safety Assessment/Quality Verification incorporates the previously separate areas of Licensing and Quality Programs and Administrative Controls Affecting Quality.
3. For the area of Maintenance/Surveillance, it was recommended by the SALP Board that you increase your attention for maintenance because of deficiencies noted in the Maintenance portion of the functional area.

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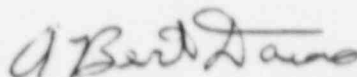
4. The area of Engineering/Technical Support received a Category 2 rating; however, several attributes were noted as weak and the SALP Board recommended you continue to apply close attention to this area.

While you will have sufficient opportunity to present your comments at the meeting on January 4, 1989, we also solicit written comments within 30 days after the meeting to enable us to thoroughly evaluate your comments and to provide you with our conclusions relative to them.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice", Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP Board Report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning the SALP report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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