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SUSQUEHANNA STEAM ELECTRIC STATION RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING CORRECTIVE ACTION AUDITS PLA-4861 FILES A17-12/R41-2

Docket Nos. 50-387 and 50-388

Reference: Letter, J. Lieberman to R. G. Byram, dated October 7, 1997.

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

Via the reference letter, you requested that PP&L describe the criteria and intended frequency of continuing assessments of our Corrective Action Program. As you are aware, PP&L performs audits under the auspices of the Susquehanna Review Committee consistent with the requirements of the Technical Specifications. These audits are intended to provide feedback regarding compliance with PP&L and regulatory requirements, such that the need for corrections can be identified and corrected.

Your question was directed at our more recent efforts to develop a performance-based assessment tool with the objective of further enhancing the effectiveness of our Corrective Action Program. Assessment criteria have been developed and already utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions to prevent recurrence. The attached instruction "Corrective Action Process Assessment" (NASI-00-507) is provided for your information. It formalizes our approach to these assessments and documents the criteria against which our performance will be reviewed. The initial assessment under this instruction is currently planned to be conducted prior to the end of 1997. Future assessments will be performed annually.

If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely

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