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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND NRC INSPECTION REPORT
NO. 50-373/97020(DRP); 50-374/97020(DRP)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On December 18, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your LaSalle County facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During this six-week inspection period, your overall performance was generally acceptable. We noted a continued positive focus of plant staff on identifying surveillance test problems. However, your staff failed to follow procedures in several instances.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that violations of NRC requirements occurred. The first violation consisted of two examples of failure to follow procedures involving the control of operability evaluations and the preparation of a work package for an emergency diesel generator. The second violation concerned a failure to take adequate corrective actions to preclude recurrence of loose test valves on emergency diesel generator cylinders. The third violation involved a failure to follow procedure by not posting a contaminated area. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed inspection report.

The violation examples involving your staff's failures to follow procedures stem from human performance weaknesses, primarily a lack of questioning attitude and thoroughness in performing work. Considerable effort has been expended by your staff to address human performance at LaSalle County Station. Although the significance of personnel errors has decreased over the past several months, the problems in this area indicate the importance of your continued focus on human performance improvement initiatives.

You are required to respond to this letter, and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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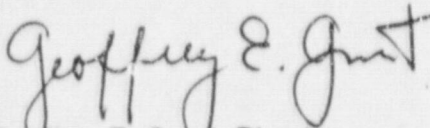


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Sincerely,



Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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