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November 18, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-373/97013(DRS); 50-374/97013(DRS)
AND EXERCISE OF ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION

Dear Mr. Subalusky:

On October 23, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your LaSalle facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC determined that your efforts regarding the implementation of the System Functional Performance Review (SFPR) program have been effective in identifying plant deficiencies. Also, our initial assessment of your implementation of the Engineering Assurance Group function indicates that this program has been effective in critically reviewing 10 CFR 50.59 screenings and safety evaluations. However, our review of information submitted to the NRC regarding your review of the inservice testing program indicated that significant programmatic problems exist. We also understand that corrective actions are in progress to address these deficiencies.

In addition, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are of concern because it is important to ensure that instruments used to obtain data for technical specification surveillances are properly calibrated, and overcurrent relay settings are evaluated as part of the design change process when appropriate. It is also noted that both of these violations resulted from events which occurred in 1992 and 1994, but had only been identified as violations during this inspection. Because these violations were based upon activities prior to the events leading to the current extended plant shutdown and satisfy the criteria in Section VII.B.2, "Violations Identified During Extended Shutdowns or Work Stoppages," of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600, a Notice of Violation is not being issued.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By Melvyn Leach

Melvyn Leach, Chief
Operator Licensing Branch

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