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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE
(NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-400/96-99)

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) has been completed for your Harris facility. The facility was evaluated for the period of April 3, 1994, through March 16, 1996. The results of the assessment are documented in the enclosed SALP report. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Harris site on May 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.

The SALP process assesses licensee performance in four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering and Plant Support.

The assessment concluded that Harris continued its superior performance in all four functional areas. This continued high level of safety performance is due, in part, to strong management involvement and effective teamwork. Line organization self-assessments and NAS assessments were thorough and effective.

Improvements were noted in several areas which had been identified as challenges during the previous SALP period. The implementation of the Work Coordination Center was effective and has improved scheduling of both on-line and off-line maintenance activities during this assessment period. However, the development and performance of maintenance and surveillance testing procedures, as well as the technical review of these procedures are areas where further improvements can be made. Effective water-chemistry and security program performance continued throughout the period.

The station management and staff are to be commended for their superior performance.

As a result of your superior level of safety performance, your next SALP period will be 24 months. This is conditional upon continued superior performance. In addition, your facility will receive an appropriate level of reduced NRC inspection that is reflective of your performance. It should be realized that inspection hours may already have been reduced in the areas that received a Category I rating in earlier SALP cycles.

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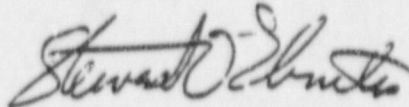
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In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: SALP Report - Shearon
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