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Gentlemen:

As you may be aware, the NRC has recently revised the NRC Manual Chapter relating to the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) program. In order that you and your staff may be kept informed of the changes to our program, I am taking this opportunity to highlight the areas most significantly affected by the latest revision:

- Training and Qualification Effectiveness has been added as a new functional area and will include all activities relating to the effectiveness of training for both licensed and non-licensed personnel. Ratings in this area will be based on those training programs covered by the enclosed Commission Policy Statement on Training and Qualification dated December 14, 1984.
- The "Refueling" functional area has now been retitled "Outages" and will encompass plant operations and licensed activities associated with major outages, including outage management, major plant modifications, repairs or restoration of major components, post-outage startup testing of systems prior to return to service, as well as refueling activities.
- The requirement to address a trend for each functional area has been deleted. As you are aware, this item has, in the past, resulted in some confusion in the way it was applied. A trend will be included, however, as a SALP Board comment, if it is clearly discernible to the Board and if a change in performance level may result if the trend continues. Should trend be used, it will reflect a licensee's performance near the close of the assessment period. In this case, the evaluation process will be used to focus NRC and licensee attention on an area because of a decline in performance or to credit performance because of an improving trend.

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We hope you find this information worthwhile. If you have any questions,  
please contact Mr. Jack Hind of my staff on 312 790-5510.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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