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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-445/99-03; 50-446/99-03

Dear Mr. Terry:

This refers to the inspection conducted on January 24 through March 6, 1999, at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2, facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance, and careful radiological work controls. However, our review of your operability evaluation regarding motor-operated valves disclosed that you failed to include important information about degraded emergency core cooling system performance that may impact your ability to perform hot-leg recirculation following a loss-of-coolant accident. Your procedures for controlling operability evaluations do not include a formal process for ensuring that known degraded conditions are considered. We will be examining this closer in a future inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 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 (PDR).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Tapia, Chief
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
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