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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/97-03 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. McGaha:

An NRC inspection was conducted August 4-8, 1997, at your River Bend Station reactor facility. The inspection focused on your solid radioactive waste and radioactive materials transportation programs, with emphasis on your implementation of the revised 49 CFR Parts 100-179 and 10 CFR Part 71. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

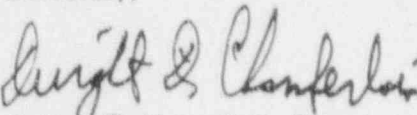
In general, the solid radioactive waste management program and transportation program for radioactive waste and materials were implemented properly. However, three violations of regulatory requirements were identified. These violations involved the failure to follow radwaste procedures and to ensure that a shipment manifest contained the correct quantity of radioactivity.

These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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

Sincerely,


Arthur T. Howell III, Director
Division of Reactor Safety



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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-458/97-03

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