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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-353/97-09

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter refers to the inspection conducted on October 10, 1997, through January 16, 1998, at your Limerick Unit 2 reactor facility. The inspectors responded to the fire in the D21 Emergency Diesel Generator (EDG) to evaluate your response to the event, root cause analysis, repair activities, and retest. The inspectors reviewed the extensive root cause determination completed by PECO on October 24, 1997. The inspectors interviewed PECO staff, attended meetings at Limerick Generating Station and Valley Forge Labs, reviewed maintenance practices, and applicable documents. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that an apparent corrective action violation occurred. In inspection report 98-02, other corrective action issues will be identified. We will notify you of our proposed action for this apparent violation at a later date.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

If you have any questions, please call me at (610) 337-5376.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

James T. Wiggins, Director  
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