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SUBJECT: FERMIL INSPECTION REPORT 50-341/99011(DRP)

Dear Mr. Gipson:

This refers to the inspection conducted on July 24 through September 8, 1999, at the Fermi 2 Facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During this inspection period, operation of the facility was effective. Operators and engineering staff appropriately responded to several emergent equipment deficiencies. In particular, we noted that when equipment problems or human performance problems occurred your staff properly documented the issues in the corrective action program. In addition, in response to the increased occurrence of problems due to human performance errors, we observed that you took aggressive action, in the form of a work stand-down, to focus plant personnel on good work practices which should improve personnel performance.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations, involving failure to follow procedures while sampling the standby liquid control tank and the failure to wear dosimetry properly, are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Sincerely,

, s/ A. Vogel

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