

August 25, 1998

Mr. John K. Wood
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Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station
Centerior Service Company
5501 North State Route 2
Oak Harbor, OH 43449

SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE INSPECTION REPORT 50-346/98013(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wood:

On August 7, 1998, the NRC completed an inspection at your Davis-Besse site. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection report, your conduct of activities at the Davis-Besse facility was characterized by safety-conscious operations and conservative decision-making. Your staff was challenged throughout the inspection period and generally performed very well. At the beginning of the period, operators reacted conservatively and efficiently by ensuring the plant was in a stable condition following a loss of offsite power caused by a tornado which touched down in the vicinity of the plant. Conservative decisions delaying reactor restart and then to shut down the reactor on two occasions were made to reduce secondary system sulfate levels. Although some operator performance issues concerning attention-to-detail during the reactor restarts are noted in the report, operators generally performed very well during the reactor restarts and shutdowns.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ G. E. Grant

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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