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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-382/98-08 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Dugger:

From March 22 through May 2, 1998, an inspection was conducted at your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During this inspection, three violations of NRC requirements were identified. The first violation involved the failure to provide adequate guidance to plant operators for the operation of the emergency diesel generators at no or low electrical loads. The second violation involved the failure to establish adequate measures to ensure that applicable plant design basis requirements were correctly translated into surveillance procedure acceptance criteria. The third violation involved the failure to test thermal overload devices on safety-related valves, as required by Technical Specifications. In addition, it was noted that this occurrence demonstrated a narrowly focused scoping of a problem similar to a previously identified violation. Although the safety consequences were negligible, the regulatory significance of a condition which forced entry into Technical Specification 3.0.3 was considered high.

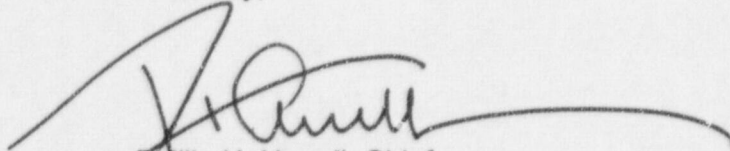
These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when 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 enclosures, and your response 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.

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Sincerely,

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Phillip H. Harrell, Chief
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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-382/98-08

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