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Docket No. 50-353

Philadelphia Electric Company  
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Operational Readiness Inspection No. 50-353/89-81

This letter transmits the report of the Operational Readiness Team Inspection (ORAT) conducted by members of this office during the period July 30 - August 4, 1989 at your Limerick Nuclear Generating Station. The inspection consisted of document reviews, interviews, and observation of activities to assess the readiness of your staff to conduct dual unit power operations. The results were discussed with Mr. M. McCormick, Jr. and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, an apparent violation was identified involving inadequate control of changes made to surveillance procedures. The apparent violation has been categorized by severity level according to 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

At the exit interview, you committed to determine the extent and significance of this issue, and take corrective actions as necessary, to ensure the adequacy of your surveillance procedures prior to initial criticality. We note that you have completed actions to define the root cause and scope of this apparent violation and initiated corrective actions. These actions were reviewed by the resident inspector staff subsequent to the period of this inspection and found to be acceptable. The results of this review will be documented in a subsequent routine resident inspection report.

The staff therefore concludes that Philadelphia Electric Company (PECo) is adequately prepared to safely operate the Limerick Generating Station as a dual unit reactor facility.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a), a copy of this letter and the enclosure will be placed in the Public Document Room. The response directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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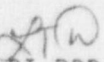
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
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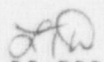
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