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Mr. John K. Wood
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SUBJECT: PERRY INSPECTION REPORT 50-440/99010(DRP)

Dear Mr. Wood:

On October 7, 1999, the NRC completed a routine safety inspection at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During this inspection period, the overall conduct of activities at the Perry facility was conservative, with a continuing focus on safety. However, a decline in human performance in the Operations department was identified. Your management staff identified a similar trend and initiated corrective actions to address this issue prior to the end of the inspection period. Routine maintenance and surveillance activities were generally properly coordinated and performed per approved procedures, however, there were instances noted where coordination between departments was not as effective as in recent inspection periods. Engineering department personnel promptly addressed operability questions during the inspection period and provided good support to operations.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is being treated as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. This NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of this NCV, 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/Thomas J. Kozak

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