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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-29/99-03

Dear Mr. Williams:

On September 30, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your nuclear reactor facility in Rowe, Massachusetts. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities at the Rowe facility was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations to maintain the spent nuclear fuel and careful radiological controls to workers. Within the scope of this inspection, you had in place effective programs for protecting the safety of workers during dismantlement and decommissioning activities. The maintenance and surveillance program was implemented to ensure plant safety. External radiation exposure controls and housekeeping in radiological areas was very good. Control of radioactive material and contamination was very good and labeling of radioactive material was very good. The solid radwaste management and transportation programs were maintained in excellent condition. The 1998 annual environmental and effluent control reports met NRC requirements. The NRC review of your radiological surveys and plans for dismantlement of the safety injection and diesel generator buildings were satisfactory. No major deficiencies or violations of regulatory requirements were identified.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald R. Bellamy".

Ronald R. Bellamy, Chief
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