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SUBJECT: BRAIDWOOD INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/99016(DRP); 50-457/99016(DRP)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On November 8, 1999, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood Units 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection, your conduct of activities was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations, sound engineering and maintenance practices, and careful radiological work controls.

We are concerned, however, that operators were not always aware of plant conditions. Your staff identified that the control room operators failed to identify that the Unit 2 "B" train of core exit thermocouples display was not lit for 5 hours. In addition, the inspectors identified that a control room operator was not aware of the reason for an alarm on the Unit 1 control room control board. Awareness of plant conditions was also identified as a concern in Inspection Report 99014.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that three violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs are described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, 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,

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