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SUBJECT: NRC RADIATION PROTECTION INSPECTION REPORT 50-373/99023(DRS);
50-374/99023(DRS)

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

On November 12, 1999, the NRC completed a routine inspection at the LaSalle Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1 and 2. The enclosed report summarizes the results of that inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. Specifically, the inspection focused on the implementation of the radiation protection program during the Unit 1 refueling outage (L1R08) and included a review of outage radiological planning and dose management, implementation of the as-low-as-is-reasonably-achievable (ALARA) program, the control and oversight of radiological work, radiation worker performance, and radiation protection program assessment activities. A problem with the renewal of your quality assurance program for use of Type B radioactive material packages was also reviewed. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with station and contractor personnel.

Overall, the radiation protection program was generally implemented effectively during the refueling outage. In particular, ALARA initiatives, job planning, and control of radiological work contributed to improved outage dose management. We concluded that radiation protection staff performance was consistent throughout the outage and that both staff and radiation worker performance had improved over the last year. However, outage dose goals were challenged by certain drywell work planning and scheduling problems and unanticipated dose expended for some under-vessel instrumentation work. Also, while radiation worker performance improved, inappropriate radiation worker practices resulted in numerous personnel contamination events and contributed to dosimetry control problems.

Based on the results of this inspection, a violation was identified for completing a radioactive material shipment in a Type B package under the General License provisions of Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 71, with an expired quality assurance (QA) program. The violation is being treated as a Non-Cited Violation (NCV) consistent with Section VII.B.1.a of the Enforcement Policy and is

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described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or the 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 3, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response to this letter, if you choose to respond, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By Steve K. Orth (for)

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