

December 6, 1999

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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-443/99-07

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

This refers to the inspection completed on October 24, 1999 at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

The plant was operated safely during the period. A control room operator demonstrated a good questioning attitude by appropriately suspending a planned maintenance activity that would have placed the plant into an improper configuration. Maintenance and engineering activities provided good support to the plant operations. Plant support activities were performed well. In contrast to the generally good performance, the inspectors noted three examples where the quality or timeliness of an engineering review could have been improved.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has also determined that one Severity Level IV 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 and pertained to the improper evaluation of a planned maintenance activity on the "A" safety injection pump. If you contest the violation or severity level of the 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 I; Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Seabrook Station.

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Sincerely,

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