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EA 99-293

Mr. Charles H. Cruse
Vice President - Nuclear Energy
Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant
1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway
Lusby, MD 20657 - 4702

SUBJECT: NRC OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION REPORT NO. 1-1998-050

Dear Mr. Cruse:

This refers to the NRC investigation conducted by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) after your staff had identified, investigated, and reported to the NRC that a Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) Senior Radiation Safety Technician (SRST) had failed to perform source checks on personal contamination monitors on November 22, 1998, and subsequently falsified the associated source check documentation. A copy of the synopsis of the OI investigation is enclosed.

Based on the investigations conducted by your staff and OI, the NRC has concluded that the former SRST deliberately failed to conduct the required source check response checks, and subsequently falsified the source response check documentation for the monitors. As such, the SRST deliberately caused BGE to be in violation of (1) the Calvert Cliffs Technical Specification requirements for adherence to procedures by failing to follow the procedure for personal contamination monitor testing and (2) 10 CFR 50.9(a) for completeness and accuracy of information.

Although these violations were willful, I have been authorized, in consultation with the Director, Office of Enforcement, to exercise discretion in accordance with Section VII.B.1, of the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions," (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600, to not cite these Severity Level IV violations. Enforcement discretion is appropriate in this case because: (1) your staff identified the violations and promptly reported them to the NRC; (2) the violations appeared to have been an isolated action of an employee, who was not at a high level in the Calvert Cliffs organization; and, (3) BGE took prompt corrective action, including termination of the technician's employment.

If you contest these non-cited violations (NCVs), you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this letter, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with copies to

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the Regional Administrator, Region I, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Calvert Cliffs facility. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response (if provided) will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Michele G. Evans, Chief, Branch 1, Division of Reactor Projects, at (610) 337-5224.

Sincerely,



Hubert J. Miller
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: OI Synopsis

Docket No. 50-317 and 50-318
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