

September 11, 2000

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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - SALEM

Dear Mr. Keiser:

Our review of Salem Units 1 and 2, identified that a "White" threshold had been crossed under the Mitigating Systems cornerstone. We have reviewed your July 14, 2000, correspondence, in response to our February 14, 2000, letter. This follow-up reply, to the notice of violation for inspection report 05000272/1999010 and 05000311/1999010, provided additional information as to the assessments that were undertaken by PSE&G to address the violation. In accordance with NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 0305, Operating Reactor Assessment Program, Exhibit 5 - Action Matrix, we plan to conduct an additional (supplemental) inspection to better understand the cause(s) contributing to this performance and your actions to preclude repetition.

This letter is to inform you that we will be conducting the supplemental inspection at your facility during November 2000. The purpose of this inspection is to review your evaluation, extent of condition review and the corrective actions for the "White" finding associated with 4160 Vac switchgear rooms carbon dioxide fire extinguishing system and related corrective actions.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be made available to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 337-5376.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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