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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 05000317/1998001 AND
05000318/1998001 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Cruse:

This letter refers to your June 7, 1999, correspondence in which you modified Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's (BGE) response to Violation B of the NRC Notice of Violation (NOV), dated April 15, 1998, related to the operation of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation.

As discussed in Inspection Report No. 98-01, the NRC staff concluded that a 10 CFR 72.48 evaluation performed by BGE should have been treated as an unreviewed safety question. As documented in BGE's June 2, 1998, response to the NOV, you agreed with the violation and committed to submit a license amendment for NRC approval that would address a change in the evaluation for the postulated top-end-drop of the dry shielded canister and the deformation of the support clip. Your letter of June 7, 1999, identified that the NRC subsequently revised its policy on 10 CFR 72.48 evaluations (reference SECY 99-130) to the extent that this specific BGE issue would no longer be considered an unreviewed safety question. Accordingly, BGE has retracted their commitment to submit a license amendment to resolve Violation B.

We have reviewed the information you provided regarding this issue and find your modified response to Violation B acceptable.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely

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