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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-382/97-03

Dear Mr. Dugger:

An NRC inspection was conducted February 3-28, 1997, at your Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, four apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600. The apparent violations discussed in the enclosed report include the failure to: (1) maintain adequate design control for the containment cooling system, (2) establish an adequate test procedure to implement Technical Specification 4.6.2.2.b.2, (3) comply with the Technical Specification 3.6.2.2 requirement to maintain at least one operable containment fan cooler per train, and (4) implement adequate corrective actions following identification that the containment fan coolers could not meet their design basis requirements. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

A predecisional enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for 1 p.m. (CDT) on April 8, 1997. The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. This conference is being held to obtain information to enable the NRC to make an enforcement decision, such as a common understanding of the facts, root causes, missed opportunities to identify the apparent violation sooner, corrective actions, significance of the issues and the need for lasting and effective corrective action. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to point out any errors in our inspection report and for you to provide any information concerning your perspectives on: (1) the severity of the violations, (2) the application of the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and (3) any other application

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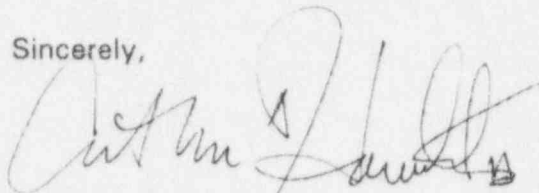
of the Enforcement Policy to this case, including the exercise of discretion in accordance with Section VII.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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NRC Inspection Report
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