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**SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-373/96-20 & 50-374/96-20 AND
NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Subalusky:

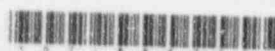
On February 6, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your LaSalle facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During this eight-week inspection period, your staff's performance was characterized by instances of procedural non-compliance, lack of knowledge regarding existing system configurations and configuration changes resulting from surveillance testing, and the failure to self-check. These human performance deficiencies along with configuration control problems that involved removing the wrong component from service and continuing concerns with the work control process, which were identified during this inspection period, indicate that corrective actions in these areas have not been effective to date.

We are also concerned with two violations of NRC requirements that were identified during this inspection period. The first violation involves four examples of failing to follow procedures. The procedures pertain to the removal of Division 3 breakers from service, a fire protection surveillance test, transfer of liquid radioactive waste, and implementation of fire protection administrative work controls. Although two of the examples were licensee-identified, they are included in the cited violation because they stem from continued weaknesses in the work control process and out-of-service program. The second violation involves a deficient out-of-service instruction which resulted in an operator removing the wrong safety-related battery breaker from service. The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed inspection report.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ M. N. Leach

Melvyn N. Leach, Acting Deputy Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374
License Nos. NPF-11; NPF-18

Enclosures:

- 1. Inspection Report 50-373/374/96020
- 2. Notice of Violation

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