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April 23, 1997

Mr. Lew W. Myers
Vice President - Nuclear
Centerior Service Company
P. O. Box 97, A200
Perry, OH 44081

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-440/97-02 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Myers:

On March 21, 1997, the NRC completed a routine safety inspection at your Perry 1 reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During this 6-week inspection period, one plant transient, involving the loss of an electrical bus, impacted plant operation. Control room response to this event was appropriate and both Engineering and Maintenance provided prompt support for troubleshooting and restoration.

A violation of NRC requirements was identified. In this case, your record of a safety evaluation required by 10 CFR 50.59, regarding a modification of the emergency closed cooling system, did not adequately support your conclusion that the probability of a malfunction was not increased or that the potential for a different malfunction was not introduced.

This violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that 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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Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Grobe for
James L. Caldwell, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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License No. NPF-58

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