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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-338/97-02 AND 50-339/97-02

Dear Mr. O'Hanlon:

Thank you for your response of May 23, 1997, to our Notice of Violation, issued on May 5, 1997, concerning activities conducted at your North Anna facility. We have evaluated your response and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201.

Your response states, "Each chart recorder in question has an indicator and/or redundant instruments that provide parameter indication for operational control. The charts are used for historical record and furthermore, are not required by Technical Specifications. Based on the limited regulatory and safety significance of the issue, it is requested that the Notice of Violation be reconsidered for categorization as a Non-Cited Violation. We believe that this issue meets the requirements in the NRC Enforcement Manual for categorization as a Non-Cited Violation."

We have carefully considered the basis for your request to change the categorization of the violation from Severity Level IV violation to a Non-Cited violation. The reasons that the issue was categorized as Severity Level IV violation included: over a period of several days, shift crew members initialed, dated and verified on multiple occasions that the recorders were functioning properly, when they were not; supervisory control room personnel failed to note the discrepancies; and the issue was not identified by your personnel. The failure of control room personnel to correctly verify that control room chart recorders were functional is more than a minor regulatory concern, and therefore the criteria for a Non-Cited violation as stated in NUREG-1600, "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions" was not met.

Based on this review, we will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.

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We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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