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SUBJECT: SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF LICENSEE PERFORMANCE (SALP)
(INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-325/97-99 AND 50-324/97-99)

Dear Mr. Hinnant:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) for the Brunswick Steam Electric Plant's Units 1 and 2. The facility was assessed for the period of May 14, 1995, through May 24, 1997. The results of the assessment are documented in the enclosed SALP report, which will be discussed with you at a public meeting at the Brunswick site on July 11, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

Plant performance was assessed in four functional areas: Plant Operations, Maintenance, Engineering, and Plant Support. Brunswick sustained superior performance in the functional areas of Plant Operations and Maintenance.

Plant Operations superior performance was characterized by good management oversight through control of daily plant activities and a clear understanding management expectations. Maintenance performance was also superior with record-setting plant availability, well managed outages, and low maintenance backlogs.

Engineering performance was rated good. Problems in the modifications area and in the implementation of corrective action programs including the Environmental Qualification area program detracted from a higher category rating. Engineering support to operations showed significant improvement.

Plant Support was rated good but performance had deficiencies in control of collective radiation dose and control of radioactive contamination. Security performance had some deficiencies in the area of fitness-for-duty and access authorization.

Safety assessment and quality verification performance was mixed. Management made conservative operating decisions and self-assessments often identified issues, but corrective actions were not always carried out effectively.

In accordance with Section 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. 1/1

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Should you have any questions or comments, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by L. Reyes)

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Enclosure: SALP Report

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