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SUBJECT: NRC INTEGRATED INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-334/99-01; 50-412/99-01

Dear Mr. Cross:

This refers to the inspection conducted from February 7 to March 20, 1999, at the Beaver Valley Power Station facility. The enclosed report represents the results of this inspection.

During the 6-week inspection period, at the Beaver Valley Power Station facility your staff operated Unit 1 safely and effectively controlled the Unit 2 refueling outage. Maintenance activities and surveillance testing were performed safely with good management oversight. Design changes were properly implemented and tested to resolve two longstanding operator workarounds. Your staff responded aggressively and effectively to human performance problems that occurred at the beginning of the Unit 2 outage, preventing more significant errors. However, our inspectors noted that, in some instances, your staff did not properly implement your corrective action program to evaluate or resolve several deficient conditions. We recognize that you took actions to address this issue including the formation of an assessment team. Your security program effectively protects against acts of radiological sabotage using well trained personnel, properly maintained equipment, and comprehensive self assessments. The Unit 2 In-Service Inspection Program, including comprehensive steam generator tube examinations, was properly implemented.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that one violation of NRC requirements occurred. This violation is being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. The NCV is described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation or severity level of these NCVs, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the Regional Administrator, Region I, and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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1. Inspection Report Nos. 50-334/99-01 50-412/99-01
2. Small Bore Piping Support Public Meeting Slides

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