

May 17, 1999

Mr. Theodore A. Sullivan
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SUBJECT: PILGRIM INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-293/99-02

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This refers to the inspection conducted on March 8, 1999, to April 18, 1999, at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power facility. The enclosed report presents the results of this inspection.

During the six weeks covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at the Pilgrim facility was generally characterized by safe plant operations. This was especially evident when operators promptly declared the "C" main steam isolation valve inoperable when an anomaly was revealed during testing.

Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two Severity Level IV violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are being treated as Non-Cited Violations (NCVs), consistent with Appendix C of the Enforcement Policy. These NCVs involved: (1) inadvertent movement of several control rods in violation of licensee procedures, and (2) work package errors in that the wrong parts were issued to the field in violation of licensee procedures. These NCVs are further described in the subject inspection report. If you contest the violation(s) 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 copies to the Regional Administrator, Region 1; and the Director, Office of Enforcement, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power facility.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Clifford J. Anderson, Chief
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