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SUBJECT: NRC SECURITY INSPECTION REPORT 50-254/99016(DRS); 50-265/99016(DRS)

On July 22, 1999, the NRC completed a routine, pilot program inspection at your Quad Cities Nuclear Station. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. The results of this inspection were discussed with Mr. Wozniak and other members of your staff on that date. A subsequent telephone discussion with your staff was conducted on August 16, 1999, to provide an updated status of our assessment.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license as they relate to the Safeguards Strategic Performance Area and to compliance with the commission's rules and regulations. Within this area, the inspection consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observation of activities, and interviews with personnel. Specifically, this inspection focused on performance involving the Physical Protection cornerstone.

During this inspection, your staff identified a major discrepancy regarding the accuracy of the data submitted to the NRC for the Protected Area Security Equipment Performance Index for the first and second quarters of calendar year 1999. A major discrepancy is a problem with the accuracy or completeness of information that may have affected NRC response because a performance indicator was exceeded or because the performance indicator data did not accurately reflect plant performance. The original information indicated performance that fell within the "Licensee Response Band" (green). Our inspection planning and assessment of your performance was based on that. The revised data indicated performance in the "Increased Regulatory Response Band" (white).

We recognize that your staff identified the problem relating to the accuracy of the performance indicator data. We also understand that the security staff will take action to ensure future accuracy. We plan to conduct a supplemental inspection to evaluate your corrective actions and the detailed bases for the performance indicator data. Secondly, the revised data indicates that the performance of some protected area security equipment is different from that previously reported. We understand that you plan to take action to evaluate the equipment and we acknowledge that compensatory measures were implemented as required by your security plan. We plan to conduct a supplemental inspection that will examine your actions, the performance of the equipment and evaluate the potential impact that performance may have on risk. We will coordinate the scheduling of our activities prior to initiation.

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Sincerely,

Original /s/ J. A. Grobe

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