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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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EA-05-069; EA-05-070; EA-05-071; EA-05-072

Mr. Gary Leidich, President  
FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company  
76 S. Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308

Dear Mr. Leidich:

This will acknowledge receipt of your payment of the \$5,450,000 civil penalty proposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on April 21, 2005. We note that in your September 14, 2005, reply to the Notice of Violation you disagree with Violation I.E. and admitted, in part, and denied, in part, Violation II.C. We remain satisfied, however, that all of the violations for which FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company was cited were well-founded. In any event, the corrective actions that FirstEnergy has taken in this matter, including changes in staffing and procedures, have addressed, in part, the NRC's concerns. Region III is reviewing the details of the corrective actions referenced in your reply and will address them, if necessary, in future inspections.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Michael R. Johnson, Director  
Office of Enforcement

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