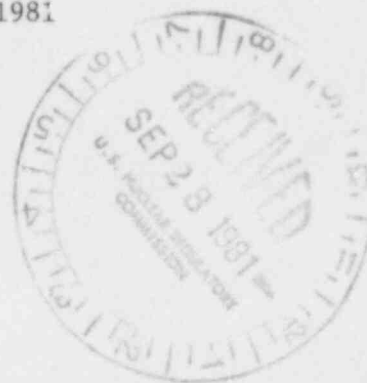


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September 10, 1981

Mr. Ronald Haynes  
Director, Region 1  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
631 Park Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Haynes:

Attached is a copy of a report on Pilgrim Station prepared by the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations, along with an F.Y.I. advisory to local news media.

Copies have also been sent to Karl Abraham, Office of Public Affairs, Region 1, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Richard Starostecki, Director, Division of Resident and Project Inspection, Region 1.

This information will be released to the public on Wednesday, September 16.

If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Salvi  
Manager, Information Services

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Attached is a copy of a report on Pilgrim Station prepared by the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO).

As you can see, this group of nuclear professionals found Pilgrim Station being "operated and maintained in a safe manner by competent personnel."

INPO conducts these evaluations at all its member companies, every commercially-operated nuclear reactor in the United States.

As the organization states in its preface to the report, its purposes is to "make an overall determination of plant operating safety, to evaluate management systems and controls and to identify areas needing improvement."

By its membership in INPO, Boston Edison supports those purposes. Some of the area coming under praise from INPO were:

- o determined management planning and actions to improve conditions in such key areas as outage planning, housekeeping, marking and identification of systems, control of spare parts and warehousing, control of plant modifications, and individual accountability
- o an effective fire brigade training program
- o well-developed operating and emergency procedures in the areas of format, content, and usability
- o an aggressive ALARA program including pre-job planning
- o a minimal number of alarms in the control room

Among opportunities for improvement were:

- o Formal programs should be established to ensure that tasks assigned to specific individuals are accomplished.
- o Management of the solid waste program should be improved to decrease the volume of waste produced.
- o There is inadequate work space for the health physics group, the instrument and control group, and the technical support group.

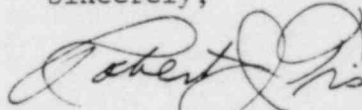
- o Controlled drawings should be updated in a timely manner. Some are not readable.
- o Operator training on the purpose, scope and operational requirements of plant modifications should be provided before the system is restored to service.

In the vast majority of "opportunities for improvement", Boston Edison had already identified areas and was either working or had established plans to correct existing situation.

It is important to note that in no case was there any compromise on safety-related issues.

INPO was formed in 1979 by the nuclear power industry to establish benchmarks of excellence for the operation of the nation's nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,



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