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Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station  
Docket No. 50-346  
Changes to the Independent Safety Assessment Process at the Davis-Besse  
Nuclear Power Station and Perry Nuclear Power Plant

Gentlemen:

Centerior Energy Corporation (the Corporation) is taking action to improve the independent safety assessment processes at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS) and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP).

At the present time, DBNPS and PNPP have separate, independent nuclear safety oversight Boards. These Boards provide independent reviews of safety-related activities at these plants. The membership of each Board includes plant management, a representative from the other plant and external consultants. The Corporation is combining the two Boards. After the Boards are combined, each Board meeting will address both plants. The membership of the revised Board will include senior management from each plant and external consultants. The activities of the revised Board will be the same as the activities of the existing Boards and will meet Technical Specification and Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR) requirements at both plants.

This revised Board structure will improve the Board's effectiveness as a result of: increased management participation, increased off-site representation, and improved communication between the two plants. The use of common processes or activities between DBNPS and PNPP is expected to increase as the Company reviews its operating methods. This change will provide increased oversight of such activities.

It is anticipated that this change will be effective in July 1996. At this time it appears that no changes to Technical Specifications will be required and that only minor administrative changes to the PNPP Updated Safety Analysis Report will be necessary.

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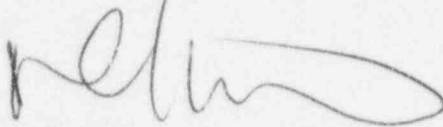
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The Senior Resident Inspectors will be kept informed on the progress of this change as has been the case in the past. The NRC is invited to observe these meetings and offer any suggestions as to how the effectiveness of this Board can be further improved.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. James L. Freels, DBNPS, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at (419)-321-8466 or Mr. James D. Kloosterman, PNPP, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at (216) 280-5833.

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