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Docket No. 50-443

Mr. Ted C. Feigenbaum
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Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

SUBJECT: NRC REGION I INSPECTION 50-443/92-25

This refers to the safety inspection findings of the resident inspectors at Seabrook Station for the period of October 13 - November 16, 1992. The inspection results are described in the enclosed report and were discussed with Mr. B. Drawbridge of your staff.

Overall, this inspection found that the refueling outage and power ascension activities were conducted safely. However, surveillance testing of the containment air lock seals and inservice testing of several valves were missed during the transition to operational mode 4, hot standby, in violation of Technical Specification requirements. The violations were of low safety significance but indicated a weakness in the implementation of the surveillance test program during plant mode changes. The apparent violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The responses directed by this letter and the enclosed Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L.No.96.511.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James C. Linville

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-443/92-25

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