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EA 85-75

Philadelphia Electric Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Enforcement Conference
(Inspection 50-278/85-22)

On June 21, 1985, an enforcement conference was conducted with you, members of your staff, one of your licensed operators at Peach Bottom, and members of the NRC Regional and Headquarters staff to discuss events which occurred on June 10, 1985 at Peach Bottom, Unit 3. On that day, an NRC inspector observed the licensed reactor operator at the controls of Unit 3 with his eyes apparently closed, thereby giving the appearance of being inattentive to his duties as a licensed reactor operator. These events are documented in NRC Inspection Report No. 50-278/85-22 dated June 18, 1985.

At the enforcement conference, the operator maintained that he was not asleep and not inattentive to his duties, but only relaxing his eyes. However, he acknowledged that he exercised poor judgment in maintaining his appearance once he was aware of the NRC inspector in the control room. During the enforcement conference, you described your investigation of these events, and your actions taken to prevent recurrence. We were impressed by the candor of the operator and your thorough investigation and initiation of corrective actions. Accordingly, no enforcement action is planned against you or the licensed operator regarding these events.

However, based upon conversations with my staff, I concur with your finding that a negative attitude toward the NRC by some of the licensed operators at Peach Bottom may have contributed to these events. Although you acknowledged the importance of your personnel maintaining a positive attitude in dealings with the NRC, PECO apparently has not been totally successful in fostering such an attitude. We expect the actions that you described at the enforcement conference should improve this attitude. Please document these actions in a written response to Region I within 30 days of the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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