

JUL 23 1985

Docket No. 50-77

Catholic University
ATTN: Dr. A. Favret
Dean of Engineering and
Architecture
620 Michigan Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20064

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-77/85-01

This refers to the routine safety inspection conducted by Mr. Thomas Elsasser of this office on June 4, 1985 and to your telephone conversation with Mr. Elsasser on June 21, 1985 regarding the findings of this inspection. Areas examined during this inspection are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your administrative controls were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed as Appendix A. We consider the failure to have a Reactor Administrator available for several months a significant neglect of your license obligations. Regardless of the operational condition of your reactor, your facility and all associated records must be available for review by the NRC within a reasonable period of time.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions in Appendix A in preparing your response. Prior to that, we would like to meet with you to discuss the results of this inspection and to reach an agreement on the resolution of these issues. Mr. Elsasser will be contacting you to establish a mutually acceptable date for the meeting.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

original signed by

Edward C. Wenzinger, Chief
Projects Branch No. 3
Division of Reactor Projects

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
2. NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-77/85-01

8507260564 850723
PDR ADOCK 05000077
G PDR

IEOI 11

JUL 23 1985

cc w/encl:

Dr. W. Kelnhofer, Chairman, Mechanical Engineering Department
Dr. E. D. Jordan, Director of Information Systems and Planning
W. Keene, Radiation Safety Official
Public Document Room (PDR)
Local Public Document Room (LPDR)
Nuclear Safety Information Center (NSIC)
District of Columbia

bcc w/encl:

Region I Docket Room (with concurrences)
Senior Operations Officer (w/o encls)
DRP Section Chief

RI:DRP

Elsasser/meo
7/9/85

RI:DRP

McCabe
7/11

RI:DRP

Wenzinger
7/12/85

RI:DRP

Keene
7/15/85

PS
7/19

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY