

October 23, 1996

Mr. Lew W. Myers  
Vice President - Nuclear  
Centerior Service Company  
P. O. Box 97, A200  
Perry, OH 44081

Dear Mr. Myers:

Enclosed for your review is the Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) 14 Report for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, covering the period January 8, 1995, through September 14, 1996. This report will be discussed with you at a public meeting to be held at the Perry Site on November 5, 1996.

During this meeting you are encouraged to candidly discuss any comments you may have regarding our report.

In accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) policy, I have reviewed the recommendations resulting from the SALP Board assessment and concur with their ratings. The areas of operations, maintenance, engineering, and plant support were rated Category 2. The details of our assessment are provided in the enclosed report. It is my view that conduct of nuclear activities at Perry was good overall, and improved in many aspects, when compared to the last assessment period. Continued management attention may be warranted to sustain the improving trend that occurred through this assessment period.

The improving trend noted in the NRC assessment of Perry performance appears to be due to effective management focus and attention to resolving performance weaknesses and implementing improvement initiatives. While personnel errors continued to result in events, the number and significance of personnel errors has been reduced. Engineering response to plant demands has improved. However, improvements in maintenance work planning and scheduling disclosed weaknesses in other areas of maintenance. Additionally, communication deficiencies and some human performance problems impacted the overall effectiveness of improvement initiatives.

Perry management applied significant resources to self assessment activities that developed good insights into plant problems. Problem identification by plant staff during routine activities improved. While more problems were identified, corrective actions were not always timely and effective, a problem noted in the last SALP report.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the SALP report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning the SALP Report, we would be pleased to discuss them with you. While no written response is required, if you wish, you may provide written comments within 30 days of the SALP meeting.

Sincerely,

Original signed by W. L. Axelson

A. Bill Beach  
Regional Administrator

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