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Donald F. Schnell, Senior Vice
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-483/96-09 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Schnell:

An NRC inspection was conducted September 1 through October 12, 1996, at your Callaway Plant reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

During the 6-week period covered by this inspection period, your conduct of activities at Callaway was generally characterized by safety-conscious operations; sound engineering practices; and appropriate performance of maintenance, surveillance, and plant support activities. We are concerned, however, about one violation of NRC requirements that was identified by the NRC inspectors. The violation involved failure to properly translate a modification to a hydrogen recombiner into plant procedures. The violation is of concern because it indicates a weakness in your design modification process that did not ensure procedures associated with the modification were revised prior to modification implementation.

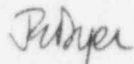
The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding this violation are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosure, and your response will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR). To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, or safeguards information so that it can be placed in the PDR without redaction.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



J. E. Dyer, Director
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Docket No.: 50-483
License No.: NPF-30

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Inspection Report
50-483/96-09

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