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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-458/96-28

Dear Mr. McGaha:

An NRC inspection was conducted October 7-10, 1996, at your River Bend Station reactor facility. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspection reviewed portions of the radiation protection program. The areas reviewed included audits and appraisals, training and qualifications, and the program to maintain occupational radiation exposures as low as is reasonably achievable. These portions of the program were implemented properly, although the operation and effectiveness of the ALARA committee could be improved. For 1994 through 1996, the 3-year average of collective radiation exposure at River Bend Station was above the national average for boiling water reactors. However, it was noted that the 1995 exposure levels were the lowest in the plant's operating history.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Brockman, Acting Director
Division of Reactor Safety

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