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SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANTS, UNITS 1 and 2 DESIGN INSPECTION

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Mr. Roy K. Mathew, Team Leader, NRR, will interface with you and your staff regarding all matters related to this inspection. The inspection will be performed using a team of five engineers from Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation (SWEC) who have been contracted by the NRC for this purpose. Mr. Robert Bradbury of SWEC who is part of the five person team will be the lead contractor engineer.

We will be in contact with your staff regarding additional details for the inspection. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mathew at (301) 415-2965 or me at (301) 415-1485.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Victor Nerses

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