

December 20, 1996

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SUBJECT: PEACH BOTTOM FULL-PARTICIPATION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
EXERCISE INSPECTION; NO. 50-277/96-12 AND 50-278/96-12

Dear Mr. Smith:

The enclosed report documents an inspection for public health and safety led by Mr. J. Laughlin, at Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Delta, Pennsylvania and the PECO Energy Emergency Operations Facility in Coatesville, Pennsylvania during the period of November 19-21, 1996. The inspection evaluated the performance of your emergency response organization (ERO) during the November 19, 1996, Peach Bottom full-participation emergency preparedness exercise. The inspectors discussed the findings of this inspection with Mr. T. Mitchell and others of your staff on November 21, 1996.

Based on the results of this inspection, the overall performance of the Peach Bottom ERO was very good. Simulated events were accurately diagnosed, proper mitigation actions were performed, emergency declarations were timely and accurate, and off-site agencies were notified within 15 minutes. No exercise weaknesses, safety concerns, or violations of NRC requirements were identified. No response to this letter is necessary.

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

Sincerely,

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