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Subject: Salem CAL Item #1

Appended is the proposed letter for CAL Item #1. This was prepared to address SAP Action Item 96-04-01. Please come to the next SAP meeting with your comments on the attached.

Kay - Please put the attached into concurrence. I will forward any revisions after the SAP meeting next week.

CC: klg

Mr. Leon R. Eliason
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**SUBJECT: NRC CLOSURE PLANS FOR ITEM 1 OF SALEM CONFIRMATORY ACTION
LETTER 1-95-009**

Dear Mr. Eliason:

This letter refers to item 1 of Confirmatory Action Letter (CAL) 1-95-009, dated June 9, 1995, in which you committed to perform a special review of the circumstances and conditions that led to the June 1995 Salem Unit 2 trip. The NRC reviewed the Significant Event Response Team (SERT) report and the Licensee Event Report (LER) for the circumstances leading to, and causing the aforementioned reactor trip in NRC Inspection Report 50-272/95-21. Although we noted that LER was of good quality, we found it to be very narrow in scope. Conversely, we found the SERT to be broad and comprehensive, but not of the same high quality as the LER. Thus, the NRC has concluded that neither the LER or the SERT were sufficient to satisfy CAL Item #1. However, we did find that the new Salem management team, functioning as the Corrective Action Review Board, successfully demonstrated the ability to perform critical self-assessment and hold the Salem staff to high standards of performance. We also noted that the Salem Restart Plan contains actions intended to assure effective self-assessment and high employee performance standards. We have discussed these concerns at length with Clay Warren, previous General Manager - Salem Operations, and have conducted many deliberations within the Salem Assessment Panel on this matter. Within the context of these discussions, we note that you intend that the completion of all nine of your Restart Plans will be the method by which you demonstrate that you adequately addressed CAL item #1. We find this approach acceptable.

We will continue to pursue the aforementioned item and other issues through our planned inspection activities. Additionally, we intend to conduct a Readiness Assessment Team Inspection (RATI), just prior to restart, to independently confirm that your actions, collectively, have resulted in the necessary performance improvements.

In summary, the NRC has found that your plans to address commitment 1 of the subject CAL are adequate. For record purposes, this item will be closed when the NRC accepts your actions for each of your nine restart plans. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Richard W. Cooper, II, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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