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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPORT NOS. 50-416/85-12 AND 50-417/85-03

The NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Board has completed its periodic evaluation of your Grand Gulf facility. This facility was evaluated for the period October 1, 1983, through April 30, 1985. The results of the evaluation are documented in the enclosed SALP Board Report. This report will be discussed with you at your Grand Gulf Nuclear facility on July 30, 1985.

The performance of your Grand Gulf facility was evaluated in the functional areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance, surveillance, fire protection, emergency preparedness, security, startup testing, training, quality programs and administrative controls affecting quality, and licensing activities.

The level of performance of your Grand Gulf facility was satisfactory, although certain weaknesses were evident. A strength was identified in the security area, while weaknesses during the assessment period were identified in the areas of emergency preparedness, training, quality programs and administrative controls affecting quality, and licensing activities. The SALP Board considered it significant, and I strongly agree, that the identified weaknesses occurred early in the assessment period and that you subsequently demonstrated a dynamic management attitude toward nuclear safety by the implementation of aggressive corrective actions for each weakness. In addition to improvement in those areas with identified weaknesses, the Board noted that the trend of performance was improving in the areas of plant operations, radiological controls, maintenance, surveillance, and startup testing. No instances of declining trend were identified.

As we noted in our January 9, 1985, letter to you regarding the previous SALP assessment, the measures which you have taken to improve performance, if properly implemented and maintained, should result in an improved performance trend leading to higher category ratings. Your commitment to these programs and to improved performance is readily apparent and we will continue to closely monitor your progress in these areas.

Any comments you have concerning our evaluation of the performance of your facility should be submitted to this office within 30 days following the date of our meeting at your Grand Gulf facility. We specifically request that you advise us of actions you plan to take, or have taken, in response to each Category 3 rating. Your comments, a summary of our July 30, 1985 meeting, and my disposition of your comments will be issued as an appendix to the enclosed SALP Board Report.

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

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Enclosure:

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Units 1 and 2

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