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Mr. J. A. Fici, Columbia Plant Manager
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 70-1151/96-204 AND NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

Dear Mr. Fici:

This refers to the inspection conducted on December 16 - 20, 1996, at your Columbia, South Carolina facility. The purpose of the inspection was to determine whether activities authorized by your license were conducted safely and in accordance with NRC requirements. At the conclusion of the inspection, the findings were discussed with those members of your staff identified in the report.

Areas examined in the inspection included implementation of criticality safety requirements in operating facilities, the plant criticality accident alarm system, and inspection, audit and self assessment programs as defined by the license. Within these areas, walkdowns of selected plant activities, procedure reviews, personnel interviews, and observation of a licensee self-inspection were conducted.

The inspection determined that you are not implementing some requirements of your license. Four violations are identified in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice). The violations involved the failure to: (1) include reviews for procedural adequacy and ongoing process operations in the formal monthly audit program, (2) document the purpose and objectives of the facility management self-assessment policy, (3) adequately trend items reported in the performance based reporting system, and (4) document and conduct process review inspections and audits in accordance with written procedures. The NRC is concerned about these violations because no mechanism was developed to assure that the specific license requirements involved were being implemented in accordance with management's expectations.

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You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In your response, you should document the specific actions taken and any additional actions planned to prevent recurrence. After reviewing your response to this Notice, including your proposed corrective actions and the results of future inspections, the NRC will determine whether further NRC enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 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 would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely
 (Original signed by)
 Philip Ting, Chief
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