

October 4, 1996

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-325/96-14 AND 50-324/96-14

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This refers to the inspection conducted on June 24 - September 17, 1996, at the Brunswick reactor facility.

Based on the results of this inspection, two apparent violations were identified and are being considered for escalated enforcement action in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy), NUREG-1600. The apparent violations involve your failure to maintain the environmental qualification (EQ) program for safety related electrical equipment in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.49, and your failure to take prompt and effective corrective actions to correct several nonconformances identified in the EQ program since 1991. Accordingly, no Notice of Violation is presently being issued for these inspection findings. In addition, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

A predecisional enforcement conference to discuss these apparent violations has been scheduled for October 21, 1996. The decision to hold a predecisional enforcement conference does not mean that the NRC has determined that a violation has occurred or that enforcement action will be taken. This conference is being held to obtain information to enable the NRC to make an enforcement decision, such as a common understanding of the facts, root causes, missed opportunities to identify the apparent violation sooner, corrective actions, significance of the issues and the need for lasting and effective corrective action. In particular, we expect you to address your failure to maintain the EQ program and the breakdown in your corrective action program despite the inclusion of these programs in the Brunswick Three Year Improvement Program submitted to NRC on December 15, 1992. In addition, this is an opportunity for you to point out any errors in our inspection report and for you to

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provide any information concerning your perspectives on 1) the severity of the violations, 2) the application of the factors that the NRC considers when it determines the amount of a civil penalty that may be assessed in accordance with Section VI.B.2 of the Enforcement Policy, and 3) any other application of the Enforcement Policy to this case, including the exercise of discretion in accordance with Section VII.

This conference will be open to public observation in accordance with the Commission's continuing trial program as discussed in Section V of the NRC Enforcement Policy, NUREG 1600 (Enclosure 2). Although not required, we encourage you to provide your comments on how you believe holding this conference open to public observation affected your presentation and your communications with the NRC.

You will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter. No response regarding these apparent violations is required at this time.

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,

Original signed by
Albert F. Gibson

Albert F. Gibson, Director
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Docket Nos. 50-325 and 50-324
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Enclosures: 1. Inspection Report 50-325, 324/96-14
2. NUREG 1600, Enforcement Policy

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
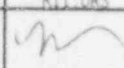

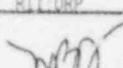

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