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Docket No. 50-293

Boston Edison Company M/C Nuclear
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection No. 50-293/85-21

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Dr. M. McBride of this office on July 16, 1985 through July 30, 1985, at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts regarding your response to abnormal surveillance test results and to discussions of our findings held with Mr. C. Mathis at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, we are concerned about repetitive examples wherein plant equipment failed surveillance testing without proper notification of operations personnel as required by procedures. As a result, the affected equipment was not properly declared inoperable and initiation of prescribed corrective actions was delayed. Consequently, there was an apparent violation of a Limiting Condition for Operation on one occasion and surveillance testing required by the technical specifications was not promptly initiated on a second occasion. It appears that a programmatic breakdown in your administrative controls has occurred.

An enforcement conference has been scheduled for August 27, 1985 at the Region I office to further discuss these problems. At this conference you should be prepared to discuss your critique of these events and the corrective actions taken. The need for and nature of appropriate enforcement action relative to the issues discussed in the enclosed report will be considered after this conference and will be the subject of separate correspondence at a later time.

Your cooperation with us in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely, Original Signed By:

for *William S. Kane*
Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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Enclosure: NRC Region I Inspection Report 50-293/85-21

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