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SUBJECT: NRC SPECIAL INSPECTION REPORT 50-302/96-13

Dear Mr. Beard:

On October 9, 1996, the NRC completed a special inspection involving a potential component tampering event at your Crystal River facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

This special inspection was conducted to review the adequacy of an investigation by the licensee of a potential tampering event involving a coin (penny) found in an oil strainer housing on September 19, 1996. The penny had obstructed the flow of oil to cooling fan gears for Crystal River emergency diesel generator 1A. The licensee's investigation concluded that the penny most likely became lodged in a strainer element when the element was in a mechanic's pocket and that the penny was inadvertently introduced into the strainer housing when the element was installed. Thus the licensee concluded that tampering did not occur. The NRC inspection supports this conclusion. Other equipment was inspected by the NRC and the licensee for evidence of tampering and none was found. The NRC inspection concluded that the licensee's investigation was adequate, the emergency diesel generator was restored to an operable condition, and that tampering most likely did not occur.

Within the scope of the inspection, violations or deviations were not identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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





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