

February 14, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-373/374/96019(DRS) AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Subalusky:

On February 3, 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at your LaSalle facility. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection. The inspection included a review of the authorized activities for your LaSalle 2 Nuclear Power Station. The focus of this inspection was the use of the Nuclear Design Information Transmittals (NDIT) procedure and its LaSalle Appendix. Based on the results of this inspection, the NRC has determined that two violations of NRC requirements occurred. These violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Notice) and the circumstances surrounding them are described in detail in the enclosed inspection report.

The first violation is of concern because the engineering department, from late 1995 until October 1996, used the NDIT process to facilitate minor modifications rather than the process established by station procedures. The second violation is of concern because the site appendix to the corporate NDIT procedure had not been reviewed and approved as required by the station's technical specifications. This issue had been previously identified by your site quality organization; however, our review of the resolution found that it did not satisfy the plant's technical specifications.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. In addition, in your response to the first violation, identify any other inappropriate uses of the NDIT, such as operability evaluations. 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.

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Sincerely,

/s/ M. Leach (for)

Geoffrey E. Grant, Director
Division of Reactor Safety

Docket Nos. 50-373; 50-374
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Enclosures: 1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-373/374/96019(DRS)

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