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Mr. H. G. Stanley
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-456/96019; 50-457/96019

Dear Mr. Stanley:

On November 29, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your Braidwood 1 & 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the period covered by this report, the inspectors concluded that the plant was operated safely; however, we are concerned about several incidents of poor performance by operations and maintenance.

The inspectors identified that the procedure was not followed when the 1C Steam Generator primary manway was being replaced which was in violation of NRC requirements. We are concerned that the individual performing the work, the individual dedicated to monitor the procedure steps, and the quality control inspector did not detect this procedural violation. In responding to this specific violation please also address the actions you are taking to improve your oversight of significant activities. The inspectors also identified a violation regarding the adequacy of your facilities controls to prevent introduction of foreign materials into safety-related systems. This resulted in foreign material being dropped into the essential service water system intake structure.

The violations are cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation, and the circumstances surrounding the violations are described in detail in the enclosed report. Please note that you are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Two other issues arose during this inspection period. One resulted in poor reactivity control and the other involved electrical leads that were reversed in an emergency diesel generator control circuit. These licensee identified and corrected issues are Non-Cited Violations.



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Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Grobe for
James Caldwell, Director
Division of Reactor Projects

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Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. Inspection Report 50-456/96019; 50-457/96019

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