

April 3, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-321/96-15 AND 50-366/96-15

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your response of March 5, 1997, to our Notice of Violation issued on February 13, 1997, concerning activities conducted at your Hatch facility. We have evaluated your responses and found that the response for Violation 96-15-05, Failure to Implement Procedures for Radiation Control Activities, meet the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201. We will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.

Your response to Violation 96-15-02, Failure to Implement Procedure to Electrically Backseat a Reactor Core Isolation Cooling Inboard Isolation Valve, stated that this violation was caused by a less than adequate procedure. However, the corrective actions portion your response failed to address the human performance element of failure to implement procedure as described in the violation. During a telephone conversation on or about March 20, 1997, between Mr. Holbrook of my staff and Mr. Tipps of your staff, Mr. Tipps agreed that a revised response to Violation 96-15-02 will be provided to this office within 30 days from the date of this letter.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Pierce H. Skinner)

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