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June 26, 2000

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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOWUP - JOSEPH M. FARLEY NUCLEAR PLANT

Dear Mr. Morey:

During my discussion with Mark Ajluni of your staff on June 22, 2000, the NRC was made aware that you will have crossed the green to white threshold for the Unit 2 Heat Removal System Unavailability performance indicator (PI) for the second quarter of calendar year (CY) 2000. You previously reported a white PI in the first quarter of CY2000 for Unit 2 Emergency AC Power System Unavailability. Both of these affect the Mitigating Systems cornerstone on Unit 2, so the two white PIs in conjunction constitute a degraded cornerstone. Therefore, we plan to conduct supplemental inspections to better understand the causes contributing to your decline in performance.

This letter is to inform you that we will be planning supplemental inspections at your facility between June 29 and July 10, 2000, to review your actions to address these performance issues.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (404)562-4520.

Sincerely;
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