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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT FOLLOW-UP - SEABROOK STATION

Dear Mr. Feigenbaum:

On June 29, 2001, the NRC staff forwarded a letter concerning the final significance determination of a White inspection finding in the mitigating systems cornerstone. This inspection finding was initially documented as an apparent White finding and violation in NRC Special Inspection Report 05000443/2000-011, dated March 2, 2001, that reviewed the failure of the "B" emergency diesel generator event that occurred on November 1, 2000. There have been no additional inspection findings or Performance Indicators with a significance of greater than Green since this finding was initially identified. A single white finding in the mitigating systems cornerstone results in the Seabrook Station being placed in the Regulatory Response Column of the Action Matrix described in the NRC Reactor Oversight Process. Therefore, we plan to conduct supplemental inspection procedure 95001 during the third quarter of calendar year 2001 to better understand the causes contributing to this issue.

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Please contact Mr. Curtis J. Cowgill at 610-337-5233 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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