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June 20, 2011

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SUBJECT: DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER STATION
NRC SECURITY BASELINE INSPECTION REPORT 05000346/2011405(DRS)

Dear Mr. Allen:

On May 26, 2011, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) completed a security baseline inspection at your Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The inspection covered one or more of the key attributes of the security cornerstone of the NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The enclosed inspection report documents the inspection results, which were discussed on May 26, 2011, with Mr. M. Parker and other members of your staff.

The inspection examined activities conducted under your license as they relate to security and compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and with the conditions of your license. The inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel.

This report documents one NRC-identified finding of very low security significance (i.e., Green as determined by the Physical Protection Significance Determination Process) and associated violation of NRC requirements. The deficiency was promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements within the scope of this inspection before the inspectors left the site. The finding had a cross-cutting aspect in the area of Human Performance – Decision Making [H.1(b)] because the licensee failed to use conservative assumptions in decision making and adopt a requirement to demonstrate that the proposed action is secure in order to proceed rather than a requirement to demonstrate that it is not secure in order to disapprove the action. The NRC is treating this violation as a non-cited violation (NCV) consistent with Section 2.3.2 of the NRC Enforcement Policy because of the very low security significance of the violation and because it was entered into your corrective action program.

If you contest the subject or severity of a NCV, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your denial, to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Document Control Desk, Washington DC 20555-0001, with a copy to the

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In addition, if you disagree with the cross-cutting aspect assigned to the finding in this report, you should provide a response within 30 days of the date of this inspection report, with the basis for your disagreement, to the Regional Administrator, Region III, and the NRC Resident Inspector at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system, ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html (the Public Electronic Reading Room). However, because of the security-related concerns contained in the enclosure, and in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, a copy of this letter's enclosure will not be available for public inspection.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1)(ii), the NRC is waiving the affidavit requirements for your response, if any. This practice will ensure that your response will not be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the NRC's document system, ADAMS. If Safeguards Information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21. Otherwise, mark your entire response "Security-Related Information-Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390" and follow the instructions for withholding in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(1).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

/RA by D. Funk for/

Richard Skokowski, Chief
Plant Support Branch
Division of Reactor Safety

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