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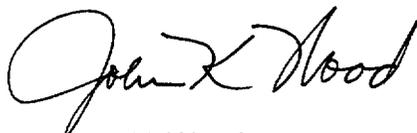
Dear Sir:

This letter is being submitted to request utilization of the Alternate Dispute Resolution process. As indicated in my letter dated February 25, 2000, after our review of the information provided under our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) filing, we continue to come to a different conclusion than the NRC staff on the issue of the Notice of Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty dated May 20, 1999.

However, as suggested before, I believe that we need a forum for our management team and the NRC staff to discuss the relevant details and the bases of FirstEnergy's actions in this matter. An understanding of the management activities prior to and since the 1997 conversation in question will allow this issue to reach a timely resolution. I am confident of this because we both have common expectations for a healthy safety-conscious work environment, and a workplace free of any trace of harassment or intimidation.

It is my understanding that the Alternate Dispute Resolution policy provides an opportunity for resolution of this issue in a more expeditious manner than progressing through a formal hearing and the federal courts. Therefore, I respectfully request we utilize this policy to any extent possible and bring this 3-year-old issue to closure.

Very truly yours,



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