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To: Richard Dudley, William Huffman *NRR*
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Subject: Response to Lochbaum March 15 Letter

Per Brian Sheron's directions, I've attached a basic response to Mr. Lochbaum. You may want to add some more words, but I believe the attached input gets across the point that Brian wanted. That being that we didn't explicitly address his primary concern (worker safety) and we will in the final report. The other points of his report will be addressed along with everyone else's comments on the draft report.

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CC: Diane Jackson, Duke Wheeler, Francis Cameron, Gary Holahan, Glenn Kelly, John Hannon, John Zwolinski, Richard Barrett, Stuart Richards(...)

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Dear Mr. Lochbaum,

Thank you for your letter dated March 15, 2000, regarding the draft final technical study on spent fuel pool risk at decommissioning nuclear power plants. We agree that we did not explicitly address your primary concern expressed at the July 1999 Public Workshop regarding the risk to nuclear plant workers at decommissioning plants. However, we believe we addressed it implicitly through our discussions in the draft report of industry's commitments and our risk assessment. Industry commitments included the ability to add water to the spent fuel pool without the need for access to the spent fuel pool floor. We will directly address this concern of yours in the final report.

The other items in your letter of March 15 will be addressed along with other public comments received in response to the draft final report.