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Dear Brian Bonser,

Thank you for your response dated 2-18-2000, received 2-23-2000 via certified mail, re Allegation Report RII-2000-A-0013. Concerning the pipe wall thickness, I believe the problem had to do with the actual wall thickness of considerable amounts of piping, rather than just the welds and/or the nominal wall thicknesses used for piping stress analysis; however, my memory is far from certain after all these years. I'll try to locate copies of the documents you referenced; please check and see if there are QA/QC documents related to the actual wall thickness of piping, dating from approximately 1985-87(?).

Concerning the sirens, I wonder if we are talking about the same issue. While I can't recall precise dates for almost any of this now, I'm pretty sure that the problem I'm talking about was not involved in the "full participation exercise" of 1985 at Harris. Also I do recall the Licensing Board's (Docket 50-400 OL) on-the-record conference call, which I'm pretty sure was on April 28, 1986, involving statements that the official siren test had yet to be done. I believe such a test was done sometime in 1987, after the plant was operating.

The problem I raised was the lack of sufficient numbers (or loudness) of sirens so that people could hear them inside their homes, particularly if HVAC, fans, and/or storm windows were involved. As I recall, I believe the Licensing Board sent a letter to the Commission and other licensing boards informing them of this issue. Your letter does not indicate any contact with [redacted] or any reference to the transcripts of [redacted] hearings on the siren issues, which [redacted] not on the transcribed record, I believe, although I have yet to receive a transcript).

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