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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED MAY 14, 2002, AND E-MAILS DATED MAY 28 AND MAY 30, 2002, REGARDING GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE 191, "ASSESSMENT OF DEBRIS ACCUMULATION ON PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR SUMP PERFORMANCE"

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter refers to concerns that you expressed in your letter dated May 14, 2002, and two electronic mail (e-mail) transmittals dated May 28 and May 30, 2002, regarding Generic Safety Issue (GSI) - 191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor [PWR] Sump Performance." You acknowledged receipt of the letter from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated May 8, 2002. In addition, you made comments regarding the GSI-191 action plan. You also expressed that you would not attend the May 30, 2002, public meeting regarding GSI-191. The NRC staff issued a summary of the public meeting on June 6, 2002, which included an agenda, a list of meeting attendees, and the presentation slides. This meeting summary is publicly available and accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (Accession No. ML021570008). If you do not have access to the Internet or if you encounter problems in accessing the meeting summary document located in ADAMS, please contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

You stated the following areas of concern: (1) you do not think all types of potential debris has been fully considered, (2) you have little confidence in the licensees being responsible for determining if they potentially have an [emergency core cooling system] ECCS clogging issue, and (3) you question the adequacy of nuclear plant containment coatings and the appropriateness of their application.

We find your concerns to be restatements of issues that you have previously raised (e-mails dated November 2, 4, and 15, 2001; e-mails dated January 3, February 15, April 2, and 22, 2002; and letter dated March 13, 2002). As we have previously stated, the Office of NRC Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) evaluated NRC Office of Research's (RES's) findings and prepared a plan for developing appropriate regulatory guidance and resolution for GSI-191 consistent with NRC Management Directive 6.4, "Generic Issue Program." Absent any new information, we do not find it is necessary to initiate any further action on your concerns.

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Sincerely,

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