

Dr. George Apostolakis, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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SUBJECT: POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO ADVANCED REACTOR LICENSING

Dear Dr. Apostolakis:

In your letter of June 17, 2002, the ACRS provided its views on policy issues related to advanced reactor licensing. Conclusions and recommendations were provided as a result of being briefed by the staff and reviewing a draft staff paper on this subject.

We agree with your conclusions and have incorporated your recommendation into the paper to make the issue of defense-in-depth a separate overarching issue. As part of our effort to assess the policy issues and develop recommendations for Commission consideration, we plan to continue interactions with the ACRS and solicit your views on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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