

March 21, 2003

Lanson R. Rogers  
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ELECTRONIC MAIL DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2003, REGARDING  
GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE 191, "ASSESSMENT OF DEBRIS ACCUMULATION  
ON PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR SUMP PERFORMANCE"

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your electronic mail (e-mail) to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated February 24, 2003, regarding Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor [PWR] Sump Performance." Your e-mail dated February 24, 2003, did not provide any further information from your previous correspondence to the NRC regarding GSI-191.

The NRC staff is actively pursuing resolution of GSI-191. The NRC staff has internal procedures in place to address the issues related to GSI-191 and is following them methodically. Let me assure you that our processes are deliberate to allow comprehensive thorough review of issues to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety.

Additionally, our procedures require us to obtain stakeholder input through public meetings to increase public confidence. We have held several public meetings regarding GSI-191, where stakeholder input is taken into consideration. Stakeholders include the public and utility representatives. The NRC staff is scheduled to release a draft Generic Letter for public comment in spring 2003. The public comment period will provide you an opportunity to express any comments you may have on the draft Generic Letter.

Your February 24, 2003, e-mail was entered into the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) and can be accessed from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, using the Accession No. ML030570129). If you do not have access to ADAMS or encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, please contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). The e-mail is also available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

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The NRC staff takes our responsibility to protect the public health and safety very seriously. We will continue to review your e-mail messages and letters for issues and respond to them if the issues raised warrant additional action on our part, in accordance with our processes and procedures.

Sincerely,

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