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Mr. James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Taylor:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE 120,
"ON-LINE TESTABILITY OF PROTECTION SYSTEMS"

During the 392nd and 393rd meetings of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, December 9-11, 1992, and January 7-8, 1993, we discussed the NRC staff's actions and recommendations for resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI) 120, "On-Line Testability of Protection Systems." During these meetings, we had the benefit of discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and of the documents referenced.

We agree with the NRC staff's conclusion that new regulatory requirements for existing plants are not justified, and the recommendation that GSI-120 be considered resolved. We recommend that the resolution also explicitly state how it applies to future plants.

Sincerely,

Paul Shewmon

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Chairman

References:

1. Memorandum dated November 5, 1992, from W. Minners, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, NRC, for R. Fraley, ACRS, Subject: Recommended Resolution of GSI-120, "On-Line Testability of Protection Systems," w/Enclosures
2. U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NUREG/CR-5916, Subject: Technical Findings Related to Resolution of Generic Safety Issue 120, "On-Line Testability of Protection Systems," October 1992

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