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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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May 20, 1993

The Honorable Ivan Selin
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Selin:

SUBJECT: BACKFIT RULE

During the 397th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, May 13-15, 1993, we discussed the proposed options listed in SECY-93-086 on possible amendments to 10 CFR 50.109, to make its backfit provisions more flexible. During this meeting, we had the benefit of discussions with representatives of the NRC staff.

We are not persuaded that any action on the part of the Commission is warranted. The Commission has adequate authority to enforce actions that are appropriate in the public interest, and any weakening of the rule is likely to bring back the conditions the rule was originally designed to fix.

Sincerely,

Paul Shewmon

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Chairman

Reference:

SECY-93-086, dated April 1, 1993, for the Commissioners, from James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations, NRC, Subject: Backfit Considerations

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