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Dear Mr. Patrick:

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON CENTER APPROACH TO R8 MILESTONE REPORT TRANSMITTAL

We have received your facsimile transmittal entitled "Center Recommended Approach to R8 Milestone Report." This was in response to our preliminary comments dispatched to you on November 16, 1988 regarding the draft of the "Proposed Outline for R8 -- Recommendations for Regulatory Actions Resulting from Analysis of 10 CFR Part 60" (dated November 8, 1988).

Phil Altomare, Shirley Fortuna, and Michael Lee of my staff shared with you and Robert Adler some of their initial impressions regarding the proposed approach identified in your November 22 dispatch, via telephone, following its receipt. However, because of the split of NRC's CNWRA program management staff during the next several weeks between Washington and San Antonio, the proposed schedule for additional NRC review and concurrence on "Center Recommended Approach to R8 Milestone Report" is not practical. The Center should proceed with the "R8 Milestone Report" in a manner that it deems most appropriate, consistent with the current contractual direction.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of additional assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

~~Original Signed By~~

Joseph O. Bunting, Chief
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