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Mr. Bruce Mallett
Regional Administrator
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region IV
Texas Health Resources Tower
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 4005
Arlington, Texas 76011-8064

RE: Callaway Plant Reactor Trip, Event No. 40500

Dear Mr. Mallett:

This is to express our concern with the failure of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to notify the State of Missouri in a timely manner with regard to the above-referenced event that occurred at Missouri's Callaway Nuclear Plant early in the morning of Tuesday, February 3, 2004.

The NRC's first communication with a Missouri official to provide information concerning this event at the Callaway Plant did not occur until after 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2004. According to the Preliminary Notification of Event or Unusual Occurrence (PNO-IV-04-006) that the NRC Region IV Office faxed to the designated Missouri official at 5:46 p.m. on February 5, 2004, "Region IV received notification of this occurrence...at approximately 5:30 a.m. on February 3, 2004."

We would very much appreciate being informed of the reasons for not being provided information related to these events of February 3, 2004, at the Callaway Nuclear Plant until over 48 hours later.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



Ron Kucera
Deputy Director for Policy
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c: Mr. Stephen Mahfood, Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Mr. Paul H. Lohaus, Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs

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