

May 21, 2007

The Honorable Dennis J. Kucinich
Chairman, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Following the discovery of the Davis-Besse vessel head cavity caused by erosion, the NRC established inspection requirements for reactor vessel heads that all plants are required to perform. The NRC reviewed the Union of Concerned Scientists petition and determined that the first request to immediately shut down Davis-Besse should be denied because the NRC staff performed an assessment of the Exponent report and concluded that the current reactor pressure vessel (RPV) head inspection requirements are adequate to detect RPV head degradation issues before they result in significant corrosion. The NRC is continuing to review the remaining requests contained in the Union of Concerned Scientists petition to shut down all PWRs and to revoke the operating license for Davis Besse if the NRC finds that the information provided by FENOC is inaccurate.

The NRC staff assures me that a diligent search has been completed to identify the correspondence that your letter described. Enclosed is the resulting series of e-mails. These documents are also now available publicly through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which can be accessed on the Agency's Web site at www.nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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