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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. L. Joseph Callan
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Callan:

SUBJECT PROPOSED FINAL REVISION 1 TO NUREG-1022, "EVENT REPORTING GUIDELINES 10 CFR 50.72 AND 50.73"

During the 447th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, December 3-6, 1997, we reviewed the proposed final Revision 1 to NUREG-1022, "Event Reporting Guidelines 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73." We had the benefit of discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and of the documents referenced

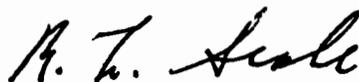
The staff issued drafts of Revision 1 to NUREG-1022 for public comment in 1991 and 1994. Based on reconciliation of the public comments, the staff prepared a proposed final Revision 1 that combines the information contained in NUREG-1022 and its Supplements 1 and 2, the Statements of Considerations for 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73, and other reporting guidance such as generic letters, bulletins, and information notices. The staff plans to issue Revision 1, move expeditiously to develop a rulemaking plan, and proceed with rulemaking regarding event-reporting requirements. The proposed amendment and revised event-reporting guidance are to be developed concurrently.

The proposed final Revision 1 to NUREG-1022 consolidates existing guidelines into a single reference document that provides a definitive baseline for event reporting. We recommend that the staff issue the proposed final Revision 1 to NUREG-1022.

We also recommend that the staff identify the items added to Revision 1 that the staff expects to include in the 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73 rulemaking. The voluntary reporting in Revision 1 that the staff plans to make a requirement in a future amendment to 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73 should be explicitly identified so that

licensees can plan for the implementation of these additional reporting requirements.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Seale
Chairman

References:

1. Memorandum dated November 7, 1997, from Charles E. Rossi, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, NRC, to John T. Larkins, Executive Director, ACRS, Subject. Forwarding of NUREG-1022, Revision 1, "Event Reporting Guidelines, 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73 "
2. Memorandum dated December 20, 1991, from Raymond F. Fraley, Executive Director, ACRS, to James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations, NRC, Subject Proposed Rulemaking to Modify Operating Power Reactor Event Reporting Requirements - 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73.