



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

March 11, 1998

The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jackson:

SUBJECT: ACRS COMMENTS ON DRAFT PAPER ON RISK-INFORMED,
PERFORMANCE-BASED REGULATION

During the 449th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, March 2-4, 1998, the Committee considered your February 20, 1998 memorandum and attached draft paper intended to define and clarify several concepts related to risk-informed, performance-based regulation. Our suggested comments and recommendations are provided in the attached redlined version of the subject document.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this paper. We believe agreement on definition of terms will be important to moving forward on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. L. Seale".

R. L. Seale
Chairman

Reference:

Memorandum dated February 20, 1998, from Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, NRC, to Robert L. Seale, Chairman, ACRS, Subject: Discussion of Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation

Attachment: As Stated

[Not included]

cc: Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan