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Honorable John Sparkman  
 United States Senate

Dear Senator Sparkman:

I am pleased to respond to your letter of March 25, 1974 to Chairman Dixy Lee Ray, requesting a copy of our reply to a letter dated March 20, 1974, from Mr. Donald F. X. Finn of the Geothermal Energy Institute. In that letter, Mr. Finn expressed his concern with the discussion on geothermal and the energy sources in the Draft Environmental Statement issued by the Regulatory staff on the proposed Bellefonte Nuclear Plant Units 1 and 2.

Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act requires that draft environmental statements (DES), such as the Bellefonte DES, be circulated to Federal, State and local governmental agencies for comments. Interested persons, such as Mr. Finn, are also invited to comment on these statements. After receipt and consideration of the comments on the draft statement, the Regulatory staff prepares a final environmental statement, which includes a discussion and disposition of questions and objections raised by the comments. The staff currently has Mr. Finn's letter under advisement, along with the comments received from the other governmental agencies in preparation of the Final Environmental Statement for the Bellefonte Plant which we plan to issue in June 1974. We will be very happy to send you a copy when it is published.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:  
 Roger S. Boyd

A. Giambusso, Deputy Director  
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