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Subject: From INPO: Dennis Wilkinson

We are deeply saddened to report that Eugene P. (Dennis) Wilkinson passed away Thursday, July 11, at his home in California. He was 94.

Dennis became INPO's first president in February, 1980, following a long and distinguished career in the Navy. He was elected president emeritus upon his retirement in 1984.

During his naval career, Dennis was the initial commanding officer of the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, and our country's first nuclear-powered surface ship, the USS Long Beach. Dennis retired from the Navy in 1974 as a Vice Admiral and deputy chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare.

Dennis was an outstanding leader, and in both his INPO and naval career built a reputation for fairness, high standards, and integrity that gave him instant respect and credibility among those with whom he worked. He was truly the right man at the right time for INPO, guiding the organization in its early stages of development. Our industry's commitment to nuclear safety excellence and the significant improvements in performance achieved over the years are due in large part to his efforts.

In a phone conversation this morning, Dennis' son, Stephen, expressed to me the extreme depth of pride his father always felt for INPO and its continuing positive influence on the nuclear power industry.

We honor Dennis and offer our condolences to his family and friends. A memorial service is being planned by the family. We will forward information as it becomes available.

Bob Willard

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