

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 4, 1989

Mr. Lando W. Zech, Jr.
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

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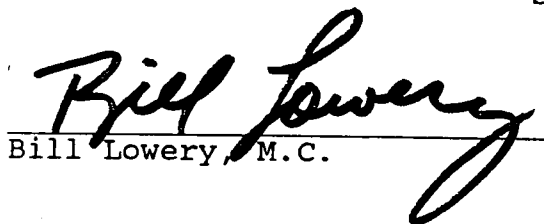
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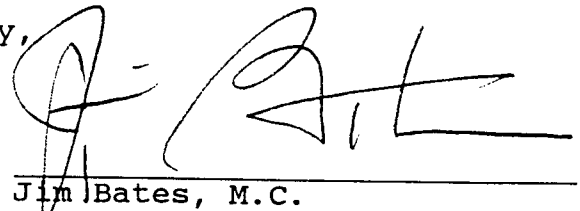
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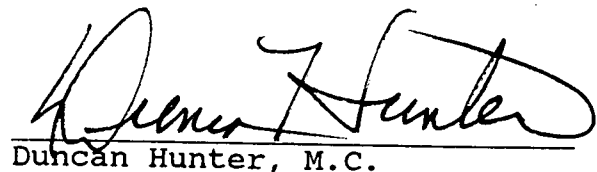
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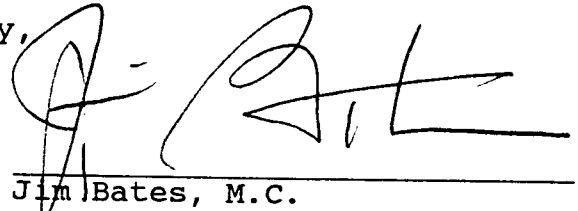
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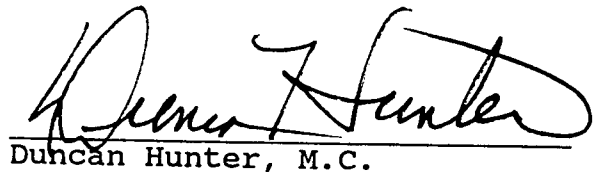
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