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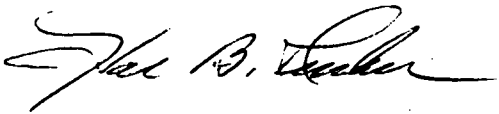
This letter is to express my personal concern with the manner in which certain regulatory concerns have been resolved recently on Duke Power nuclear stations.

I understand your desire to resolve promptly all open TMI Action Plan items as well as those licensing actions open for two years or more. However, the process recently utilized is not an efficient use of limited staff resources. I believe that we can work together to identify those items of highest priority and then focus our collective resources towards resolution of these items in a timely manner. I believe that such resolutions must be based on technical justifications, not forced under Order.

We at Duke Power are more than willing to do our part to pursue resolution of these significant open items. In the event that resolution can not be achieved at the staff level, I propose a process of escalation to higher levels of management within NRC and Duke Power to resolve the issue on a timely basis. We will be glad to work out the details with whomever you designate.

We must strive to improve communications so that these items of concern can be resolved in an organized manner, rather than the process we have seen and been a party to in recent weeks.

Very truly yours,



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