The Honorable Ivan Selin Chairman U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Selin:

SUBJECT: SECY-93-270, "PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 10 CFR PART 73 TO PROTECT AGAINST MALEVOLENT USE OF VEHICLES AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS"

During the 406th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, February 10-11, 1994, we received further information about the proposed Rule from the NRC staff and from some public commenters, including NUMARC, the Nuclear Control Institute, and Mr. Scott Portzline, a private citizen.

This additional input has contributed to our understanding of the various positions, but appears not to have led to any mass reversal of positions on our parts. In addition, the staff has yet to propose a final version of the proposed Rule change, incorporating a response to the issues raised in the public comments. We plan to defer our own final judgment until that is done.

Sincerely,

J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr. Chairman

References:

- 1. SECY-93-270, dated September 29, 1993, from James M. Taylor, NRC Executive Director for Operations, for the Commissioners, Subject: Proposed Amendments to 10 CFR Part 73 to Protect Against Malevolent Use of Vehicles at Nuclear Power Plants
- 2. Letter dated January 3, 1994, from Thomas E. Tipton, NUMARC, to Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary of the Commission, Subject: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking -- "Protection Against Malevolent Use of Vehicles at Nuclear Power Plants," 58 Fed. Reg. 58804, November 4, 1993 Request for Comments
- 3. Letter dated January 3, 1994, from Daniel Horner and Paul Leventhal, Nuclear Control Institute, to Secretary of the Commission, regarding revision of NRC rule on protection against malevolent use of vehicles at nuclear power plants