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The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr.
Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech:

SUBJECT: ACRS COMMENTS ON SECY-87-314, INTERIM POLICY STATEMENT ON
MAINTENANCE OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, DATED DECEMBER 30, 1987

During the 334th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safe-
guards, February 11-13, 1988, we were briefed by the NRC Staff on the
proposed Interim Policy Statement on Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants
(SECY-87-314), dated December 30, 1987.

Although we are unable to provide definitive advice on the basis of this
briefing, we have learned enough about the proposed Policy Statement to
have serious concerns about its being made immediately effective without
benefit of comments from the public and the industry. If promulgation
as an immediately effective Policy Statement can be delayed appropri-
ately, we will be able to review its intent and implications in suitable
depth and provide you with our advice or recommendations.

Sincerely,

William Kerr
Chairman

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