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

Dear Chairman Zech:

SUBJECT: UPDATED POLICY STATEMENT ON TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION OF
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PERSONNEL -- ACRS COMMENTS

During the 336th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safe-
guards, April 7-9, 1988, we considered a Subcommittee report and dis-
cussed a draft of the updated Commission Policy Statement on Training
and Qualification of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel. Our Subcommittee on
Human Factors met with representatives of the NRC Staff on March 28,
1988 to discuss this matter. We also had the benefit of the referenced
documents.

We endorse the Staff proposal to issue the proposed policy statement for
public comment. We are of the opinion that the training and accredita-
tion program of the industry and the Institute of Nuclear Power Opera-
tions has been highly successful in establishing effective training
programs for the personnel responsible for the operation of nuclear
power plants. We encourage continuation of the INPO-managed accredita-
tion program and believe it is unnecessary for the NRC to consider
rulemaking related to this issue.

Dr. Forrest J. Remick did not participate in the Committee's delibera-
tions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

W. Kerr
Chairman

Reference:

Draft SECY report for the Commissioners from Victor Stello, Jr., Execu-
tive Director for Operations, NRC, Subject: Updated Commission Policy
Statement on Training and Qualification of Nuclear Power Plant Personnel
(Predecisional), transmitted to ACRS members by memorandum dated March
21, 1988.

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