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Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Stello:

SUBJECT: ACRS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NRC REPORT ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE
ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 4

During the 321st meeting of the ACRS, January 8-10, 1987, we considered the implications of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear station Unit 4 as it relates to nuclear power plants in the United States. This subject was also considered during our 320th meeting, December 11-13, 1986 and our 319th meeting, November 6-8, 1986. In our review, we had the benefit of meetings of our Subcommittee on Safety Philosophy, Technology, and Criteria held on November 5, and December 10, 1986, of discussions with the NRC Staff, and of the documents referenced.

We have seen preliminary drafts of the NRC Staff's report on lessons learned from the Chernobyl Nuclear Station accident. We agree that a thorough evaluation of the accident should be performed and that the lessons learned should be applied in the NRC regulatory process.

Although we have not reviewed the Staff's report in detail (nor have we seen a final draft), we consider the proposals made in the drafts we have seen to be sound and have no suggestion for any major changes in direction.

Sincerely,

William Kerr
Chairman

References:

1. Memorandum dated December 5, 1986 from Themis P. Speis, NRC, to Raymond Fraley, ACRS, Subject: Chernobyl Information for ACRS Review, with enclosure: revised draft of the Chernobyl Implications Assessment Report dated December 4, 1986
2. Memorandum dated October 30, 1986 from Themis P. Speis, NRC, to Raymond Fraley, ACRS, Subject: Chernobyl Information for Subcommittee Review, with enclosure: Draft Chernobyl Implications Assessment: Assessments of Candidate Issues dated October 30, 1986

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